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W. A. Newcome, Register.

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The man who slaughtered the fowl with the profitable habit of laying golden eggs was wisdom itself beside those Maine farm fakirs who are shipping doc-

tored cream. The market for such cream is soon skimmed.—Editorial in

The above libel on Maine farmers

FARM LIFE.

The question has been raised and is

being discussed in some papers whether

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comes from a paper-seeking patronage among those whom it libels. While the Maine farmers are selling doctored so much is being sold in Massachusetts,

> -O. H. Leavitt, in Weekly Union. ABORTION IN COWS.

sion is always beneficial as far as it leads abortion in cows, both by scientific ever be settled to the conviction and sat. formed and methods of prevention that classes exist, and their ideas of what on and is still menacing the herds of the is attractive vary as much as the size of breeder and the dairyman. It undoubtis worthy of note also that the ideas re- runs its course, and then disappears as of controlled by the present occupation generally accepted theory with veterina-

the looking for some other situation directed solely to prevention by sanitata-

than there are in other occupations look-ing toward the farms, though there are "The common cause of repeated abormany who have seen the farm in its sum- tion at intervals in the same herd is conmer dress when they were enjoying a tagion. The disease is caused by a germ few weeks' escape from the noise and which multiplies in the womb, between dust of city life, who think a permanent that and the membranes that surround We are all victims of habit in thought and irritation of the womb set up by the well as in action, and whether a posia or an occupation is attractive or not nevertheless carry her calf to full term. colleges, in common with that at other epends on the circumstances of our first The discharges which come away from an of the higher institutions of learning, reduction to it and on the feature of affected cow, and especially those that tended to educate the student away from a gricultural chemistry, the philosophy agricultural chemistry agricultural chemistry agricultural chemistry. the surroundings to which our attention escape during and after the act of aborthe farm and the land, instead of attract his been most largely called. To make tion, contain the germs in great numbers, ing him to it and training him to appre-

erest in it and a love for it beyond the the disease. essaries of existence. There must be spread by such discharges coming into love of the farm and its operations. a looking forward to the results of labor contact with root of the tail and vulva of labor leads to the results of labor contact with root of the tail and vulva of labor leads to the results of labor contact with root of the tail and vulva of labor leads to the results of lab beside the pecuniary returns; an enjoy- the healthy cows, but it may be spread fessional work are everywhere over-

others, he can make farm life attractive. of sulphate of copper, chloride of lime, for the investment of capital, and that in engaging the mind in a study of the left in the milk after the cream was taken them; he must know what crop to raise or carbolic acid (one in fifty parts of water) may be employed. The more water) may be employed. The more freely this is used the better. For spong-There has been a vast amount of study and investigation given to the matter of abortion in cowas, both by scientific.

There has been a vast amount of study and in the hinder parts of the cows the brightest intellects and best educated towards the possession of land and to the top, yet one of these men was getting an and investigation given to the matter of sive sublimate, 2½ drachms, hydrochlosive sublimate, and hydr

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the endeavor to accomplish a by the means of the bull. Whenever an erowded. Nearly every known industry hing and in learning to take advantage outbreak occurs it ought to be treated on and trade have been developed to so And all this again depends on habit. If a left of doing what must be done for that reason and no other, of the measures adopted should inspect the suppression of the same and stock, he was to put the students directly in contact with the same.

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cream, for it knows better, yet it pur- and going elsewhere for pleasure, the herd of any cow that has aborted, or than opportunities for the employment not alone the science involved, but sci- wish to cite the example of two farmers Then he gets a fair price, as good fruit osely shapes its language to leave it to business, whatever it may be, soon be that shows signs of impending abortion; of minds trained along such lines. Such ence applied in all processes of the work. In this section who, at a Farmers' Instianderstood that Maine cream of which comes unattractive and tiresome. But if (2) destruction of the focus and its mem- is the congestion in all these directions Mr. Powell states it was a perpetual tute held here Nov. 24, detailed their key. In writing anything, I always run the person on the farm gets in the habit branes, by fire or otherwise;(3) frequent that the situation attracted the atten- surprise to see with what a zest these method of feeding and their man to what I am interested in. somen is being sold in massachusetts, the based of fleeding and the farm general or th ize that in so doing he is performing a "In disinfecting the byre, attention of the whole problem, the conclusion Thus has Mr. Powell solved the problem by the know how and when to buy and also to

sion is always beneficial as far as it leads to thought and investigation, there is its beneficial as far as it leads to thought and investigation, there is its prospect that this question will enter be settled to the conviction and sat.

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"Upon inquiries being made by Seo. Mokeen, it was found that both of these raises fine poultry but how much better their shoes or the color of their hair. It ably appears in a herd and neighborhood, we would at once begin the carbolic acid able lecturer who met with the pomo- orchard and garden, when under the men were feeding intelligently, used pre- we would at once begin the carbolic acid able lecturer who met with the pomo- orchard and garden, when under the a worting of note also that the ideas regarding any given situation in life are mysteriously as was its coming. The
treatment, giving an eighth of an ounce logical society at its recent meeting at
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others were in the same business so marto each cow on a bran mash every other Newport. Our acquaintance with that educated operator, are full of interest to but in the methods of caring for the milk ket men would come here and contract day for a week, and would gradually gentleman led us to follow this new the cultured mind, while in business and taking off the cream were found the for 25 to 100 heifers per week all through

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> The prospectus of this farm school intensive system there practiced; fungus both fruit growing and gardening; inbe devoted each day to the study of spe-cific subjects and to the literature per-

chants we find men who are in love with therefore contagious, though it must be cover will not like it at first but will not l gether beyond the reach of ordinary disparity in tests. The one who suc- large, fine, fat chickens are always in

mending it, as most veterinarians are opposed to such severe remedies. However, it has the endorsement of such scientific authorities as Professor Notard of France, and Professor Williams card of France, and Professor Williams school of agriculture and horticulture and horticulture school of agriculture and horticulture and horticulture school of agriculture and hort young men, sons of millionnaires, many Christmas beef, and will be followed by of them college graduates. The farm is similar letters in consecutive order. It has been truthfully claimed that dicates, is devoted exclusively to fruit tributions to the literature of American an Up-to-date Farmer?" was very ably will have more confidence in you and stock-breeding. The Gazette always discussed by some of our leading farm- will soon take your weight and measure. aims to give its readers more than they ers. The question was opened by R. H. In fact, an up-to-date farmer must be a announced that the course would cover bargained for. Published at Chicago at Libbey, who spoke as follows:

> For the Maine Farmer. KNOWING NOT GUESSING.

Mr. Editor: The reason why so many farmers are not doing any better with he must know the cost and value of ing their lands but making a fair profit. markets and the economic handling of their herd of cows, is that they indulge everything he has around him; he must Bro. Smith thought an up-to-date farmer labor. In connection, a few hours would in too much guesswork instead of exercising care and intelligence in their work. crop he cultivates, so that when he gets busy if he would keep abreast of the To derive the best results it is absolutely necessary that a man should know just

ceeded in getting all the cream out of demand and buyers would come after she basiness activity in which they are suggested and unuesay in suggested and unuesay in say there by force of circumstances and six the deal responsibilities of the conclusion to the sort and the time are suggested and the controlled hard responsibilities of the sort and the time are suggested and the suggested distances of the sort and the suggested distances of the suggested distances of the sort and suggested distances of the sort and the suggested distances of the sort and suggested distances of the sort and suggested distances of the sort and suggested his milk let the milk set at least 24 hours, them if they were here. It is so with

The man who is an up to date farmer must be backed up by practical qualifi-cations; he must be a broad-minded man, a man of intellect and work, not all intellect and no work, neither all work and no intellect, but must possess both. Knowledge never becomes a pewer, only through its application, possessing knowledge and understanding its application; are very great qualifications in making or forming an up-to-

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We eastern farmers are forced to study what we can do with our soil to make it yield a sufficient crop and in an amount sufficient to compete with our competitors. We meet in our own markets the products of the great West and South and we must meet to conquer and we can conquer if we are up-to-date farmers. Take my own business for instance, -fruit. Look at the tempting fruit of California and the attractive way it is put upon the market; clean packages, large fruit, well sorted and made as attractive as is possible to make it. Compare it, please, for a moment with much of our northern fruit. Is it or is it not more attractive than ours?

My ideas are, of course, different from many others. I think a man to be an upto-date farmer, or even a successful farmer, must have broad views and never think he can be prosperous alone. He must interest his neighbors to come along with him. Take for example, as before-fruit growing-how much more successful is the business where whole localities are interested in growing the very best of fruit and each trying to outdo the other; each trying to sort and pack his fruit to make it more attractive than his neighbor. This being done, buyers hear of the crop and rush in cores and even in hundreds, to purchase that fruit. It is the same with all products. Look, for instance, at Aroostook county and note the rush of buyers to that county for potatoes. Do they come here? I answer, no.

When a man goes to market with a crate of fruit of any kind he should first know what that crate cost him to raise, and he should make it so attractive that

fakirs" in Maine "shipping doctored casm," and the Homestead knows it is atting a falsehood for the purpose of injuring the Maine cream trade.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES AN UP-TO-DATE sometimes make mistakes, and be very careful not to "deacon" your own product that you carry to market; have the business man, an honest man, a man of It is a broad question and one that I good reputation and broad views.

am not capable of solving; only giving Bros. Judkins, Given, Smith, McCully some of my ideas. A man, to be an up and Ross followed. Bro. Judkins said to-date farmer must in the first place, he thought we had a good many up-tonecessarily be a man of fair education; date farmers that were not only improvhave a knowledge of the cost of every could not be a lazy man but must keep ready to sell he can figure and know, times, beginning just right, keeping debt not only whether it will do to sell, but and credit with the farm and stock, he

#### REPORTS ADOPTED AT MAINE STATE GRANGE.

Report of Committee on Edu Education is the one living fountai that waters every part of the social garden," says Edward Everett. "Man cannot propose for his study a higher object than education and all that pertains to education," says Plato. In its broadest sense, every act of the mind, provided we know its relation to other facts is educational. Every fact observed, provided we know its relation to other facts is educational.

The process of development, from process, as is the process of the development of the race from savagery to civilization. In a more restricted sense, w refer to education as those processes that have the development of the mind as a direct end. Foremost among these They are sent free. is the common school. Direct results, and effects which immediately follow causes are readily seen, while indirect results and effects which are remote from causes become vague and indistinct and consequently cease to become an inwill produce a dollar and that that dollar will purchase some needed article is a direct result, an immediate effect, and is consequently seen and pursued by all; but where is that row of shade trees valued at fifty dollars, that a day's labor fifty years ago would have produced? The results of educational labor are indirect and remote, consequently they cease to become strong incentives. As a result the boy will stay out of school to go hunting, the girl to prepare for an even ing party, while the parents will keep their children at home for all sorts of trivial causes that produce immediate Therefore, it is not at all sur prising that we find a lack of interest manifested in these matters. People will universally agree that edu

cation is a fine thing, that we should take more interest in our schools, that more money should be expended and that these should be first. Many will agree with Plato that education is the highest object of life, yet we notice that most of them place something else first. On the form, in the shop, and on the street, we find men pursuing objects that have more or less immediate bene

the state a more serious and thoughtful consideration of our rural schools. Much better results could be obtained for the same expenditure. We notice that almost universally in those communities where the grange is prosperous much more interest is taken in the schools. While to improve our schools, we nes better houses, better teachers, better superintendents and better children, these improvements must all be brought about by the people, themselves. As a rule, we get the things we most desire. Emerson says, "God's law is, if you want a thing take it and pay for it.'

If there is anything amiss in society is is because society at large does not care to have it otherwise. All improvement must finally come by a strong desire for such improvement. Where this desire really exists in any community we can readily see the change. We believe that more emphasis must be put on home training, that the home must supplement the school work before satisfactory results can be obtained. There is a grow ing tendency to shift upon the school the whole responsibility of the education of

Until society adopts more rational methods of living, the work of the school must be largely corrective, which can the home, or even in the school. He never give very large results. Think of should carry his principles of education the labor required in the school to correct wrong pronunciation and incorrect should have started. The grange is doing much and can do more to remedy this evil. Discuss the home training of children in the grange. If anything is wrong in society or in

the school, see if you cannot trace a part of the cause to yourself, or at least think of some way in which you can be in strumental in bringing about the needed change. We believe there is a tendence to lower the standard for the ultimate ends of education by the growing demand for the so-called practical and utilitarian studies and methods in our com mon schools. If it be true that spirit and reason rule the universe then the highest knowledge is of the spirit, that subtle sense of the beautiful and sublime is our highest achievement. This is manifested to us in many forms by nature or art, as in the best literature, paintings and music. "You will do the greater service to the state," says Epictetus, "! you raise not the roofs of the houses but the souls of the citizens for it is bet ter for great souls to dwell in small houses, rather than for mean islaves to jurk in great houses." Men | must have larger souls and broader views if they this meeting your committee will not are to deal successfully with the enormous material growth on all sides. It is of agriculture, but will make a few important suggestions and leave the matter mous material growth on all sides. It is and broadest sense.

It is right that the useful and practical leading occupation of the people of this be made first in importance and time in state, it is of sufficient importance to ends of character and spirit development should be kept in view. There should be a definite understanding of this higher aim in the work by the by like products of other states, it seems parent, the teacher, and 'as far as possible by the child, from the primary school to the college, and! all work made immediate and incidental to this high end When this is brought; about we shall have less poverty-stricken millionaires, men, whose souls diminish as their

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wealth increases. There are two classes of poor people among us: those who the dairymen's association, and we most centive to action. That a day's labor lack wealth and those who lack soul or spirit. Our education should fit us to escape both of these kinds of poverty. this grange, to solicit members to the ditions, it is necessary to constantly bear in mind that we are not dealing with inert matter to be changed according to our will, but with individuals who can- that will result in the development of not suddenly be changed by the will of another, however sincere the reformer. People have their ideals and prejudices foundation of improved agriculture. and any change for the better must b brought about by a course of social education. If change is the spasmodic result of some agitator or reformer, then the reaction must soon be as great in the opposite direction. Improvement, to be lasting and great, must result from : higher culture.

We believe the next step to be taken

is that towns should unite to hire a with submit the following report: skilled superintendent, whose whole duty should be to direct the work of the schools. All other improvements would multiply. naturally follow this step. The schools would be better classified, proper studies would be taught and better work would be done by the teachers. With the small wages we are obliged to pay our teachers, we must necessarily employ the young and inexperienced. While these might do good work under the eye of a might do good work under the eye of a expect us to be an actual factor in the so pleasing a manner presents the story professional educator, yet left as they development of our mutual interests. To that one forgets it is partially mythical system in the schools, as a whole. We do not wish to criticise those hard-working conscientious superintendents we prosperous condition, the county and now have, who are doing so much for the school. They are not paid for, nor are they expected to do the detailed,

A farmer would not employ twenty men on his farm, without an overseen constantly among them. Neither would he employ some teacher or trader or lawyer as that overseer. He would employ some energetic, practical farmer, whose duty should be to lay out and constantly direct the work of the others. This ls precisely what we most need in our rural We should carefully study the working schools. The leading educators and lawmakers of our state have already seen this need and we have a law enabling towns to employ such a superintendent, the state paying a large part of the ex pense; so it would cost towns but a trifle more to have this work systematically and thoroughly done than it does to have and honor are nominated, and then us simply the routine mechanical part of all honorable means to secure their electhis matter does not end in the grange

professional work, so much needed.

to the town meeting, see that proper grammar learned at home and in society, that public-spirited men are placed on lecturers of subordinate granges. We and after all this labor the child has only the school board and insist that political sympathize with you in your arduous favoritism be removed from the system.

industrial arts: that conservatism i sion and work must be done in order to periments in this matter. The changes ost needed are those that have alread been tried and are working successfully

in our educational centres. We believe, as one has said, that the supreme object of education and culture is to raise man to his highest power, to develop him along the line of his noblest nature, so that he will be not only keer sagacious and shrewd, but broad minded even and sympathetically balanced, tolerant, sweet and charitable."

W. J. THOMPSON, Chairman

Report of Committee on Agriculture. Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of the Maine State Grange: Each year for a quarter of a century, eloquent and instructive reports have been presented by the Committee on Agriculture, but at attempt an extended essay on the subject in your hands. Agriculture being the occupy the minds of our people in no small degree, and in view of the fact that many of our own farm products are being crowded out of our own markets o be important that vigorous inquiry be made into the reasons why such products are bought in preference to our own Believing as we do, that the beef, mut ton and poultry of the West is preserved to improve its keeping qualities in a way that may be injurious to human health and also preventing the sale of our own beef, mutton and poultry in the home market, we recommend that the State Board of Agriculture be requested to make persistent inquiry into this matter and report the results of their efforts to the people of the state. We also recom nend that some action be taken to sup press the sale in our state of all adult ated articles of food, and further recom-

nend that the State University be re

quested to make such investigation in

this line, and report the same in the

oulletins of said institution.

tive agricultural industry of the state, to the extent that it is bringing in to our now far less remunerative than it can be made by the adaptation of better methods on the farm, at the creamery and in the narkets, we deem it expedient to call the attention of the Maine State Grange Fertilizers containing at least to the fact that already a State Dairying Association exists; an organization consisting of some of the best dairymen and reamery men in the state. Recognizing the fact that the Board of Agriculture has done all in its power to foster this most important industry, we feel that

stention to the furtherance of the dairy industry that its importance to the wel fare of the state demands, and do justice o all other agricultural industries. We do most earnestly believe that the welfare of the dairymen will be greatly benefited by the extension of membership of earnestly recommend that a committee of one from each county be appointed by of one from each county be appointed by this grange, to solicit members to the Association in his jurisdiction, that the organization may become far reaching and strong enough to secure to the in-In all attempts to change existing con- Association in his jurisdiction, that the and strong enough to secure to the in dustry that popularity and upbuilding the resources of our farms and the mul tiplication of live stock, the only true ELI HODGKINS.

L. C. MORSE, B. H. TOWLE, D. O. STAHL, E. R. BOOTHBY. L. J. Hobbs.

Good of the Order

Your committee on Good of the Orde for the improvement of our rural schools have discharged their duties and here-

As we increase in numbers new prob lems confront us and responsibilities

We have shown, clearly and forcibly, that we have a place in the world and the ability to act safely and intelligently upon any or all questions relating to the sents the agricultural population of our state, and other classes and organizations expect us to be an actual factor in the quires earnest and faithful effort. With the subordinate granges in a healthy, state granges will flourish also.

The grange has done much in the past for the uplifting of its members, creating in the minds of youth higher desires and praiseworthy ambition that are everywhere noticeable where there is a good. live grange.

Our order should be continually doing good, should have an object always in view and unitedly work for the accomplishment of that object. We should have an interest in legislative matters. of political parties in order to more in telligently understand whether they are conducted in the interest of the people or not. Be careful to attend primary meetings in your respective towns, and use your influence that honest and worthy men who merit positions of trust the work done, as it is in too many of tion. Cast all envies and petty jealousies our towns to-day. The patron's duty in aside, be united, and in time, by patient waiting, we shall see beneficial results.

To create an interest in the grange, or what methods are advisable to pursue are questions which have often be amounts of money are appropriated; asked and many times answered to the We believe that our school system has topics for discussion, include the house not kept pace in improvement with the hold and the home as well as the field and the farm, which is all very well, but much greater in educational reform than do not confine yourself to these themes in industrial changes; that much discus- too closely. Select for discussion topics on certain occasions that will be spearouse public sentiment, to demand the cially interesting to the sisters as well as necessary change. We need make no ex- the younger members. Assign to the young responsible positions and places of trust, to gain and hold their confidence. Let every member be cordial. A pleasant smile, a kind word and a warm hand-shake are powerful agencie in welding us together. Do your best to forget, and if possible. forgive, seeming injuries and to overcome evil with

> We should make the grange attractive as well as instructive. Have the hall kept clean and as well furnished as your means will allow, and provide, if neces sary, books and papers for those who desire them. All these things will have a tendency to draw those whom we me desire.

> Your committee fully appreciate the emark so aptly made by our Worthy Master in his reply to his Honor, Mayor Lane, that we do not represent merely the tiller or cultivator of the soil, but our highest aim is to cultivate the mind. And we have reason to congratulate our selves, or even boast, "For a little selfsteem is not always egotism or conceit," that no other organization or association can assemble themselves together in numbers like these, for three continuous days, in a city of 12,000 inhabitants, and not even smell the odor of intoxicating drink.

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Let every patron throughout the state be inspired to perform present duties, however small, and anticipate future possibilities and opportunities. Let us reveal to the world that we are needed and have come to abide. In no way, an the influence of the grange be more generally extended than by strictly enforcing

her laws and living in accordance with our declaration of purpose. Without casting any reflections on the work done by our deputies in the past, he success obtained has not fully satisthe scope of its work is general, rather than special, and that with the means at its command, it cannot give the close bers and more in quality, and thus by concerted effort better work can be accommended. complished with no additional expense. Patrons, it is for the welfare of the order that this matter receives your careful consideration. It is not the large, prosperous granges that need the care and oversight, but the smaller and less proserous ones.

The more interest a grange takes in public affairs, in the advancement of education, in deeds of charity, the brighter our lights will shine and our declaration

> Sisters, L. W. HADLOCK, C. C. JORDAN, J. W. BOWDEN, A. H. ADAMS, Committee.

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#### EDITOR'S TABLE.

The attachments of youth are endur ing and the school teacher who was a friend will not be forgotten. Such an one was Dr. N. T. True of Gould's Academy, Bethel, afterward agricultural editor of the Maine Farmer. His kindness and helpfulness, his words of counsel and suggestions, will never be forgotten. All the memories of youth flood in upon us as we take up the attractive volume entitled "The Iron Star," by John Preston True, the youngest son of this old time teacher and friend. It is a public welfare. Our organization repre- book to be read and enjoyed and best of all to be remembered. From myth to history he traces the course of events and the characters he has selected, and in are, to themselves, there can be but little keep our order strong and effective re- and fails to discern where history begins. By no means the least of the attractions of this volume are to be found in the charming illustrations by Mrs. Lillian Crawford True, wife of the author.

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Mrs. Tripp. "Charles, why is it you lever ask me to take lunch with you lown town?"

Mr. Tripp. "I have too much regard r your reputation. Nettie.

for your reputation, Nettle."
Mrs. Tripp. "Too much regard for
my reputation?"
Mr. Tripp. "Yes, dear; it might get
you talked about. Fellows would say a
woman who would go to lunch with me
would go to lunch with anybody that
large along."

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ton.
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In Bangor, Dec. 9, John E. Moulton to Miss Grace L. Gerry, both of Ellsworth: Dec. 11, David B. Smith to Miss Millie Drew: Dec. 10, George T. Walter to Miss Ethe! May Pelly.
In Bath, D.c. 5, Geo. E. Durgin to Miss Nellie B. Baker of Fryeburg; Dec. 11, Sanuel H. Williams to Miss Lucy A. Lane, both of Bath: Dec. 14, William Resaw to Miss Susie Allen, both of Bath.
In Biddeford, Dec. 11, George Davis to Miss Sarah Tipping, both of Saoo; Dec. 11, Wm. R. Benson to Miss Mary E. Baijargeon.
In Bowdoinham, Dec. 7, Harry E. Powers to Miss Hatte Maole Trask.
In Brooklin, Dec. 3, George F. Wakeman to Miss Ells Frances Nutter, both of Brooklin In Brownfield, Dec. 13, Albert Littlefield of Eaton. N. H., to Miss Laura Frazier of Brownfield.
In Brunswick, Dec. 9, Charles N. Allen of

ield.

In Brunswick, Dec 9, Charles N. Allen of Dresden to Miss Tilly Pelkey of Brunswick.

In Deer Isle, Dec. 3, Frederick Rackliff to Mrs. Henrietta Warren, both of Deer Isle.

In Dennysville, Dec. 9, Nathaniel B Cox to Miss Linnie M. Cook, both of Edmunds.

In East Boothbay, Dec. 13, James W. Benett to Miss Martha J. Tibbetts, both of Boothbay. In East Boothbay, Dec. 13, James W. Bennett to Miss Martha J. Tibbetts, both of Boothbay,
In East Franklin, Dec. 12, Rev. Harvey A. Luckenbach of Lewiston to Miss Willa N. Blaisdell of East Franklin.
In East Machias, Dec. 14, Walter A. Dennison to Miss Cora A. Wright, both of Cutier.
In Eastport, Dec. 11, Samuel E. Haskins of Deer Island, N. B., to Miss Mary C. Newman of Eastport; Dec. 11, John W. Evans to Miss Mary L. Rolfe, both of Eastport; Dec. 12, James G. Wilson of Lubec to Mrs. Isabella Haskins of Deer Island, N. B.
In East Sumner, Dec. 9, Orville R. Barrows to Mrs. Lucy Bishee.
In Fairfield, Dec. 7, Edward C. Savage to Miss Bessie Foss.
In Gardiner, Dec. 12, John Fish to Mrs. Miss Bessie Foss. In Gardiner, Dec. 12, John Fish to Mrs. Maria H. Hughes. In Garland, Dec. 3, Sidney M. Towle to Mrs. In Guldsboro, both of Dexter, In Gouldsboro, Dec. 7, T. S. Danifer to Mrs. Eliza Young, both of Gouldsboro. In Hampden Centre, Dec. 8, Stephen Rowe to Mrs James Shaw. In Houlton, Dec. 6, Almon T. F. Hemore to a Centre, Dec. 8, Stephen Rowe Shaw. Dec. 6, Almon T. F. Hemore to

In Heulton, Dec. 6, Almon T. F. Hemore to Miss Sadie G. Ingraham.
In Kingfield, Dec. 6, Arthur C. Woodard to Miss Daisy Dean French.
In Machias, Dec. 14, L. William A. Foss to Mrs. Millie Smith, both of Machias.
In Machiasport, Dec. 4, Fred Sprague of Larrabee, to Miss Annie Murphy of Grand Manna; Dec. 13, I. M. Bangs of North Lubec, to Miss Grace Colbeth of Buck's Harbor.
In Mechanic Falls, Dec. 16, Frank Delma Herrick to Miss Elizabeth M. Haskell, both of Mechanic Falls, Dec. 16, Frank Delma Herrick to Miss Elizabeth M. Haskell, both of Mechanic Falls.
In Northeast Harbor, Dec. 6, Woodbury Dana Leland of Trenton, to Miss Sally Isabel Somes of Mt. Desert.
In Norway, Dec. 6, Charles Crosby to Mrs. Harriet C. Merrill, both of Norway.
In Pemagudid, Dec. 12, Oscar Fosset to Miss ana Leland of Trenton, to Miss Sally Isabel omes of Mt. Desert.
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In Pemaquid, Dec. 12, Oscar Fossett to Miss lyra Blaisdell, both of Pemaquid.
In Portland, Dec. 12, George E. Durgin of ortland, to Miss Nellie B. Baker of Fryeburg; ec. 14, Horace A. Hallett to Miss Mary Allimistevens, both of Portland.
In Rockport. Dec. 13, Capt. Obed Andrews.

Stevens, both of Portland. Rockport. Dec. 13, Capt. Obed Andrews homaston, to Miss Musa Hupper of St of Thomaston, to Miss Musa Hupper of St. George.

At Stonington, Dec. 4, Peter P. Gray to Miss Gertrude Young, both of Stonington.

In Swan's Island, Dec. 3, Joseph D. Humphrey of Monhegan, to Mrs. Eva M. Colomy of Swan's Island; Dec. 3. Abram Norwood to Miss Lillian Colomy, both of Swan's Island.

In Turner, Dec. 14, Edward C. Briggs of Buckfield, to Miss Matenah P. Hooper of Turner.

In Warren, Dec. 6, Hampton Robbins to Miss Alice Hastings.

In West Lubec, Dec. 7, John Ramadell to Miss Saind Jones, both of Trescoit.

In Winter Harbor, to Miss Emma Andrews of Gouldsboro.

In Winthrop, Dec. 9, Isaac Watts to Miss Mertie Berry.

In Waterville, Dec. 20, Joseph Harwood to Miss Alexandrews of Gouldsboro.

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Mertie Berry. In Waterville, Dec. 20, Joseph Harwood to Miss Frances Perham Lapham.

#### Died.

In this city, Dec. 18, Mrs. Mary Fenno Pitts, widow of the late James C. Pitts, aged 90 widow of the naw values years, 6 months.

In this city, Dec. 18, Benjamin Spaulding, aged 81 years, 6 months.

In Auburn, Dec. 10, Dr. J. F. Bonney, formerly of Buckfield, aged 49 years.

In Aurora, Dec. 6, Mrs. Annie Patriquin, In Aurora, Dec. 6, Mrs. Annie Patriquin, ged 28 years. In Bangor, Dec. 9, Helen E. Baker, aged 40 years. In Bar Harbor, Dec. 10, Mrs. Charlotte Hig-In Bar Harbor, 19ec. 19, and the charles ins, aged about 74 years.
In Bath, Dec. 12, Mrs. Lydia, widow of the ate Melvin Oliver, aged 77 years; Dec. 12, Sharles A. Fisher, aged 73 years, 3 months, In Belfast, Dec. 8. Hannah E. Dustin, aged 94 years, 2 months; Dec. 7, Capt. John Hassach 4 years, 2 months; Dec. 7, Capt. John Has-ell, aged 77 years, 1 month. In Berwick, Dec. 13, Mrs. Abigail Worster,

ed 98 years. In Biddeford, Dec. 6, Chester F. Marston, ed 15 years; Dec. 11, John Keller, aged 96 yoars. 19 John Storm Robin Rob nonths.
In Boothbay Harbor, Dec. 12, Capt. Warren
Geed, aged 85 years, 3 months: Dec. 14, Mrs.
Merrill Barter, aged 70 years, 4 months.
In Brownville, Dec. 4, Starling Mower, aged
2 years; Dec. 11, Mrs. Lois M. Howard, aged

23 years; Dec. 11, Mrs. Lois M. Howara, ages 33 years.
In Brunswick, Dec. 6, Mrs. Carrie Smith.
In Buck's Harbor, Dec. 16, Winnie Laura, daughter of Lester B. and Lula Thompson, aged 3 months; Dec. 17, Mrs. Emily M. Colbeth, aged 51 years, 3 months.
In Buxton, Dec. 16, Annie L., wife of Samuel A. Hill, aged 59 years, 8 months.
In Calais, Dec. 8, John McCrae, aged 34 years, 8 months; Dec. 8, Mary Haddick, aged 74 years; Dec. 11, Annie L. Schofield, aged 21 years, 3 months; Dec. 5, Loyd R. Smith, aged onths.

10 months. , In Castine, Dec. 7, Miss Emma Robbins Jar-vis, aged 51 years, 5 months. In Denmark, Dec. 10, Walter Stewart, aged Byears, 1962: 10, Watter Stewart, agea In Dixfield, Dec. 4, Mellie McCrillis, wife of Guy Webster, aged 26 years. In Dover, Dec. 4, Harry L. Brockway, aged 74 years, 3 months. In Ellsworth, Dec. 9, William H. Buckmore, aged 69 years. 3 months.

Dec. 13, Miss 4lice McGouldrick of Cherry-field, aged about 47 years.

In Foxcroft, Dec. 1, Marinda A., wife of A. B. Cole, aged 61 years, 11 months.

In Gardiner, Dec. 7, Mrs Lucy Smith, aged 72 years

'2 years. In Gowanda, N. Y., Dec., Charles A. Black, ormerly of Paris, aged 43 years. In Hartford, Dec. 16, James Glover. In Lewiston. Dec. 15 Almira W. Aris, aged 4 years. In Litchfield, Dec. 12, Mrs. Hannah True, gged about 80 years.
In Machias, Dec. 10, Leander H. Stevens.
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In Machiasport, Dec. 13, Sarah B., wife of Lapt, Charles W. Robinson, aged 66 years, 3 months; Dec. 14, Elizabeth Pettegrew, aged months; Dec. 14, Elizabeth Petregrew, aged 76 years, 1 month.

In Mt. Vernon, Dec 18, Mrs. Cordelia, wife of John R. Veaton.

In North Turner, Dec. 5, Daniel Coffin, formerly of Northwest Norway, aged 82 years.

In North Waterford, Dec. 6, Dea. Joshua aunders, aged 75 years In Orland, Dec. 10, Mrs Betsy Harrima ged 91 years. In Pittsfield, Dec. 9, Warren L. Parks, aged In Pittsfield, Dec. 9, Warren L. Parks, aged 49 years. In Pittsfield, Dec. 11. Elizabeth W., wife of Levi C. Blake, aged 69 years, 9 months: Dec. 12. James L. Aggus, aged 40 years; 9 bec. 13. Lizzie J., wife of E. H. Rice. aged 42 years; months; Dec. 18. Ellen M. Nester. aged 22 years; Dec. 14. William P. McCormick, aged 29 years; Dec. 16. Georgianna, daughter of Joseph and Emma S. Cossette, aged 13 years Dec. 16. George Lick, son of Frederick Doran, aged 3 years; Dec. 16. Mary widow of Hugh McCrink; Dec. 16. Patrick, son of Bart ley and Abbie Costello, aged 20 years, imonths; Dec. 16. Mary Frances, daughter of the late A. P. and A. M. Waldron; Dec. 18 Mary D. Aughter of Michael J. and Mary A Flannagan, aged 20 years imonth. In Princeton, Dec. 7. Alice M., wife of Charles Pike, aged 32 years.

In Skowheran, Dec. 11. Mrs Emily Stevens In Stowheran, Dec. 11. Mrs Emily Stevens In Skowheran, Dec. 11. Mrs Emily Stevens

In Saco, Dec. 4 Mrs Frances E. Porter, aged 63 years.
In Skowhegau, Dec. 11. Mrs Emily Stevens;
Dec. 11, Mrs NaomitArmstong)wife of Mark
H. Hight; Dec. 9, Carrie F., wife of Harley
Wyman, aged 46 years, 6 mouths; Dec. 8,
Joseph Burnor, aged 60 years.
In South Portland, Dec. 17, Mary, wife of
Samuel Swett, aged 26 years; Dec 18. Miss
Gertrude M., ol-lest daughter of Preston A.
and Eliza J. Longley, aged 27 years, 9 mouths,
In South Thomaston, Dec. 3, Mrs. Lucinda
Murdock, aged 75 years.
In South Warren, Dec. 7, Viola E., wife of
Charles E. Hyler, aged 49 years, 3 months,
In Springvale, Dec. 10, Washington Hodgmen; Dec. 9, Charles Conant, aged 78 years,
8 mouths.

ion: Dec. o, Charles months. In Sunshine (Deer Isle), Dec. 6, Freeland tinson, aged 30 years. In Trescott, Dec. 10, Jones McFadden, aged In Trescott, Dec. 10, Jones McFadden, aged bout 41 years. In Veazie, Dec. 9, Stephen D. Millet, aged 8 years. In Washington, Dec. 6, Isaac W. Johnson

In Waterboro, Dec. 5, Henry C. Doorsel In Waterboro, Dec. 5, Henry C. Doorsel In Waterboro, Dec. 15, Mrs. James Edward Smith, aged 65 years, 11 months. In Woodfords, Dec 13, Shubai C. Stevens, aged 84 years, 9 months. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c

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#### Poultry.



The State of Maine has been obliged to rely on western grown poultry for its Christmas supply. A good question to lebate about the possibilities outside.

#### HAVE YOU SECURED HIM?

Before another month passes the poulry breeders of Maine will be busily en-On every hand are indications of a great crease in the number of chicks to be A.M., 12:35, 1:20, †11:00 P. M., 7:20 A.

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days only: only on strengthening food, build up males at once for next year's breeding the spring. and be ready to start the chicks earlier and in greater number than last year. A. M., and 1,20, 13,10 and 2, and 7, and 3, and 3, and 3, and 3, and 3, and 4, and 2,05 P. M., leave Bangor for Elisworth and W. C. R. R., 1400 A. M., and 1,07 M. L. Desert Ferry and Bar Harbor, 9,30 A. M., and 4,50 P. M., for Boekport, 6,50 and 11,50 A. M., and 4,55 P. M., and 7, 0 P. M. (Saturdays only).

A train leaves Portland at 8,30 A. M., for Lewiston and Farmington. Trains leave Fortland at 1,10 and 5,15 P.M. for Lewiston at 5,10 P. M. for Brunswick, Bath, Augusta 44 Waterville. The profit of 1899 has been made from the early birds sold for broilers and the ame will surely be true in 1900.

WHAT MAKES FOWL SICK.

The most troublesome diseases of fowl, with their causes, may be summed up as follows:

Roup-Planted by "only a neglected Cholera-Caused principally by over rowding.

Diarrhea-Damp houses, filthy house g mornings and for beifast, grand for beifast, Bar Harbor and Bucksport, excepting mornings of morning ad runs, and bad fe-ding. Canker-Dampness and filth. Diphtheria-Roosting in draughts, also

lamp houses. Ulcerated Throat-Ditto Consumption-Neglected cold. Apoplexy, Vertigo and Epilepsy-Overeding.

Sore eyes-Damp houses Costiveness and Constipation-Improp r food.

Soft and Swelled Crop-Overfeeding. Indigestion or Dyspepsia—Ditto. Pip-Damp quarters. Bronchitis-Ditto. Black Rot-Result of Indigestion. Soft Eggs-Overfeeding.

Gout, Rheumatism and Cramp-Dam M. 111.10 P.M. Augusta, and is from Bangor and Lewisfor Rockland. Trains run ista and Gardiner, Bath and loetween Brunswick and Lewisett hours, for time of which, so I trains at stations not menderence may be had of posters other public places, or Time will be cheerfully furnished on the General Passenger Agent. Leg Weakness-Inbreeding and over-

eeding. Bumble Foot-High perches. Scaly Legs-Filthy and damp quarters.

#### NEEDS OF THE POULTRY.

Chicken Pox-Ditto.

food. Meal, boiled potatoes and cooked a diet. In this diet chopped hay, coarse oarse food are omitted. In trying to essen the labors of the bird's digestive apparatus we are imposing upon her conitions that sooner or later, will redound dugusta, in vacation, Dec. 12th, 1899.

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About the county of the county will be made strong in feeding him entirely upon prepared and partly digested foods. In both cases the stomachs will ecome so weakened that good nourishing foods cannot be digested and assimi-

The gizzard is a part of the fowl's system that must be taken into considera tion every time we adopt a line of diet. The function of the gizzard is no small, unimportant one. It takes the place of teeth in animals. All coarse food is there ground up and prepared for the stomach. If it were not for the proper working of the gizzard, food of a coarse nature would enter the stomach and use serious disorders. There are times when the gizzard does fail to do its duty, and then we have trouble enough, and no amount of medicine will restore the bird to its normal condition. The cause of this disordered gizzard is very often the pampering of fancy and well-bred birds. In our eagerness to make them do well we prepare their food too much for them and feed them too much on fine, concentrated stuff. The result of this sort of feeding is that the gizzard is called upon to do less and less work, and in time it becomes so weakened that it is impossible to do good work. When in this condition if coarse food is given to them it will not be ground up properly,

and the fowl will get sick. The diseased condition of the gizzard is generally indicated by blisters and a oftness that makes it unfit for work. It N. H. is to prevent any such indigestion in the gizzard that cracked corn, chopped hay and all coarse foods are given daily. They are just as essential to the health of the chickens as the fine meal and cooked potatoes. If both are given to the chickens it will be found that they will partake of both and not of one alone. It is by feeding the birds a properly balanced ration of coarse and fine food that

we get the best results. PLAN FOR HIGH-PRICED EGGS. During the fall of the year the laying hens are on a strike so far as producing eggs is concerned and are making the hange from their old coat of feathers to their new suit. I have heard of lots of died at her home at Silver Lake Dec. 18. hens that laid eggs right through the coulting period, but I have never yet Unless onelihas young pullets that are Stand behind the horse as he walks away

very short-and the price of eggs going stock" now begin to place their goods on

the market. Pullets, in order to begin laying by the time hens "strike," must be early hatched and well cared for right from the time they are hatched until they begin their career of usefulness. A great many will fail to get their pullets laying until early winter. We sometimes hear of their lay ing at very early ages, but such cases are rather scarce in actual experience. I have always been able to get the best egg yield from hens coming two years old. I do not consider pullets as being better layers than the hens above mentioned, notwithstanding what has been written and said to the contrary.

A good plan is to dispose of surplus stock just before the moulting process iscuss is whether this is profitable to begins. They are usually in good flesh eastern growers. When we supply the at this time, and to keep them until they home market there will be ample time to have finished moulting and then get them in good flesh, requires a considerable amount of feed.

At this season, cold rains and cool nights will be in order and a good, warm, dry shelter should be provided for the aged preparing for the season of 1900, fowl that are expected to produce the winter eggs. Many wait until the thermometer gets down to zero before nailnatched. Every one realizes that for ing up the cracks in the hen house uccess the parent stock must be the Zero weather is a poor time to begin to Machias every day and in the spring she & Bailey's showmen are here now with best possible to obtain and if any one house and feed your flock for eggshas neglected to secure what is wanted winter eggs, when the price is way up. there should be no further delay. Get a If you are looking for lots of eggs this male from some family noted for rapid winter, the time to begin to feed for growth or production and by keep them is now, before winter gets here. ing him actively at work, and feeding That is especially your moulting hene which you have decided to keep. The virile energy which will do much to in. time to begin to feed pullets for winter sure rugged chicks. Secure the breeding eggs is as soon as they are hatched in

> icts are usually abundant on the farm and the poultry should be as well fed as the other stock. Usually there are small potatoes, turnips, pumpkins and other egetables which can be cooked, and bran or chopped feed added and fed warm on cool mornings, with a considerable saving of grain feeds. However l always prefer a grain feed at night for the hens feeding the mixed feed in the morning. This for those that have not access to a supply of fresh green bone or ome of the prepared meat and bone meals that can be bought at a reasonable price. Not being located so as to be ble to get a supply of green bone and scraps from the butcher shops, I have been obliged to buy the prepared meat and bone, which is cooked, dried and ground to a fine meal when fresh from the slaughter houses. Usually of the best grades of this prepared food one pound is recommended as sufficient to feed 30 hens, when mixed with the ooked food above described. I know ome are averse to purchasing any feedstuffs, preferring to feed only such food to be impracticable. The coal was rearrives at which the colt can do service, products as are grown on the farm, but moved from beneath him until he rethe balance sheet will show in its favor, have, after quite a number of trials, ound that I can make most money by buying a part of my feed-such as we do not produce on the farm.

I have never yet been able to get a chicks or on moulting hens as well as some experience with green bone as a poultry food, but for the use of the general farmer, especially where the "women folks" have the poultry to feed and care Some poultrymen make the mistake of for, the prepared food is much to be preseeding the hens with too much fine ferred. This food has given me more used your Elixir in my barn for a year. grains are all good in their way, but it is ever found. Fowl running at full range and it took it off clean as a whistle, and a mistake to depend exclusively on such during summer do not require that so did not take off a hair. I have been grow and be prepared for the following much variety of food he given themcracked corn and similar bulky and they can catch enough bugs, worms and sprain, and it has cured him. He had the fall he must pass through a period of they can catch enough bugs, worms and sprain, and it has cured him. He had

to get best results. to det injury. Indigestion will not be cured by keeping the birds on such a layers, friends, and sell all such as you yesterday and today, and he does not false diet, any more than a human being think will not be profitable to keep. Show any lameness. It is the most can again elevate the colt to that degree think will not be profitable to keep Begin to plan to have winter eggs (fresh laid) to sell when the price is way up. It will pay you also to begin planning warm quarters for them this winter, in which they may have plenty of room for have known farmers to build spacious, warm stables for their horses, and spend half the time in winter caring for those horses, while the laying (?) hens roosted on the apple trees and fences and their owner wondered why they didn't pay a profit on winter eggs. - S. W. Burlingame in National Stockman and Farmer.

## Horse.



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Reject a horse whose forelegs are no een very many that actually did so. straight. They will not stand wear. beginning to lay the supply of eggs with from you, and you will be able to notice which to buy groceries is liable to be these defects if they exist.

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a mark of 2.181/2 at the Topsham Fair will start in the Massachusetts stake Sec. F. D. Coburn of the Kansas State

Board of Agriculture is sending out a volume full of interest and value under the title of "The Horse Useful," If he advertises his state and its stock that is just what he should do, but he all the while is setting forth valuable lessons for the farmers and growers elsewhere. It is a book to be read with care and pre served for reference.

There is a decided scarcity of horse all through the state, and the buyers are having hard work to find what they want in that line. For several years the buy ers have been through different sections of the country, buying all the best horse flesh that they could find. These horse were bought for the New York markets and commanded good prices. The buy ers made it a point to begin operations just before the winter set in and a great many rather than keep their horses through the winter let them go at the good prices offered. The result is that there is a scarcity of the horses.

The other day, for the first time on record, a horse was seen walking out of the United States Capitol Building This animal, a black cart horse, fell into a coal hole under the Supreme Court chamber, alighting upon the pile of coal underneath. Workmen attempted to draw him out with ropes, but this was found gained his feet. He was led through the for young horses will always command ern steps of the Capitol, which he descended, after considerable persuasion. A workman on either side steadied him. feed that would grow feathers on young while a third, with a firm grasp on his the prepared meat foods. I have had When safely landed he resumed his farmers have their colts foaled in the fall, occupation of hauling coal .- Rider &

BRISTOL, CONN., Feb. 19, 1891. Dr. S. A. Tutile, Esq., Dear Sir.-I have eggs-winter eggs-than any food I have The first thing I used it for was a curb, insects to balance up the ration. But in been lame for some time, as you know, several months' confinement in the winter they require a variety of feed of and when you came and saw him you the right kind and plenty of it in order to get best results.

and we have put it on as directed, and or less chilled with cold from time to time. Should this happen, the effect of exercise when the weather is bad. I been to me to know where they can get come by plowing in the fall, or keeping blistering and everything he could think the whole four ringbones off with Elixir. Yours truly,

J. H. SESSIONS. Jr., Lock Box 508.

nition of a cob and a cock horse, the gain is greater. It is the proper way to Rider and Driver says: "The term cob get good, sound, serviceable horses on the has been much abused, even the dealers farm. It should not be overlooked in horses who should know better mis- that a colt must be treated from birth, applying it in describing horses of any and must be fondled and handled as height when of compact form. Proper- much as possible. He should never hear ly, a cob is a thick and strongly made a harsh word, but should be taught to hack, between 14 and 15 hands in height, have confidence in everybody he sees or on short legs with big bone and carrying knows. This is an easy matter if his a breedy-looking head and neck. Such training begins from the time he is a day animals should be up to carrying 200 or old. He can thus be gradually broken 250 pounds, and must possess the various without difficulty, and will never be other qualities of a saddle horse. An troublesome. The best way to bit a colt old English authority describes the cob is not to bit him at all; that is, let him as a 'dwarf among those colts intended bis himself. Colts at the age of one year for hunters, or an unusually well shaped should be taught to hold the bit in their and active little cart horse. The former mouths. Take a piece of pine about is the more valuable by far, as his action half an inch in diameter and five inches will be cleaner and less heavy, while his in length. This piece of soft pine is limbs will stand fast work much better, and if wanted for the gallop his wind either end, and fastened over the head will be far more lasting.' The cock back of ears. The colt loves to have the horse is used for hill work on the lead of the bit in his mouth, because it enables a four-horse coach. Although ridden by him to bring forward the saliva process. a groom, or poetilion, his bridle is the He will bite and work it over in his same as that worn by the other horses in mouth, and will enjoy it hugely. In a an the team. His harness consists of collar, traces and bar, crupper attached to the cantle of the saddle, his straps to support the traces, and a rope which is attached to the bar and passing between the leaders is hooked to the pole-hook over the top of the main bar.'

HOW TO JUDGE HORSE CHARACTER.

name Myrtie Peek as a horsewoman and Horse phrenology is the latest dis wner of the Peek running combination covery of the Royal College of Veter-inary Surgeons of England, says the Chicago Tribune according to Harold Leensy, a member of the college, it is easy to tell a horse's character by the shape of his nose. If there is a gentle curve to the profile, and at the same time the ears are pointed and sensitive,

it is safe to bank on the animal as gentle in the middle of the nose it is equally Caustic safe to set him down as treacherous and certain to be a good animal for hard work and safe to drive, but he is apt to be slow. A horse with a slight con need coaxing. A horse that droops his ears is apt to be lazy as well as vicious Hard work will sometimes make a horse which started out properly let his ears

#### OUR NEW YORK LETTER-MR. BISHOP STILL ON DECK.

lrop, as is illustrated by the animals

that pull the North side carettes.

Mr. Editor: It seems quite a long tim since I wrote to you but better late than the first place to the vast number of to fail to do its duty. horses being sold and also the prices. They brought over 840 horses to the Fasig sale in the Garden and they realhad a sale at Grand, at the same time, and 100 Coach horses sold at an average of \$630. It seems as if the people were The game racing mare, Alice Drake, horse mad at the present time. There owned by W. R. Pattangall, which won are buyers here from France, Russia, England and Turkey all doing their level last fall, is being driven on the road at best to get American horses. Barnum an order for eighty. Now is the time to had heart trouble; you lack ambition, breed good horses. You cannot imagine the scarcity that will be here next year. Horses have gone up in price in the last two months over ten per cent. and they kidney remedy. will be higher five years from to-day than ever was known in this country.

The other day when I was driving, or of these new-fangled automobiles came along and tried to buck into me, when I managed to escape him, he went across the way and tried to knock down a house. We see funny performances here with Hempstead that was warranted to run of uric acid, and you soon feel the benethem. A gentleman had one out at forty miles an hour. He invited me to fit in new health and strength. ride with him and I accepted; after we returned I asked him if he would kindly hitch up a pair of Maine horses, which he did, and we went on the road with his automobile as a companion. I told prices, fifty-cent and one-dollar. him to put on a full head of steam, then drove back when the man said, "Bishop you have given me a pretty strong le Cordially yours, G. W. BISHOP.

#### COLT RAISING.

A colt is regarded as an incumbrance, because he is useless until he arrives at a suitable age for work. But it really costs very little, compared with his value, to raise a colt. When the period corridors until he came out on the west- good prices if they are sound and well broken. One of the difficulties in the way is the incumbrance placed on the dam, which interferes with her usefuldam, which interieres with the colt is ness on the farm, especially if the colt is tail, prevented his too sudden descent. foaled in the early part of spring. Some farmers have their colts foaled in the fall, but this is open to two objections. In the first place, spring is the natural time, for then the grass is beginning to grow, and nature seems to have provided that most animals should bring forth their young in a season beyond the reach of severe cold, and with sufficient time to using it on my horse on the hip for a winter. Again, when a colt is foaied in stable, without exercise, or else be more or less chilled with cold from time to wonderful liniment I ever saw. You of hardiness and soundness of body that can refer any party to me, and I will naturally belongs to a spring colt. Beanswer any inquiries that come. It was sides, a colt foaled in the spring will outin our local papers about the horse grow one foaled in the fall. An objection being cured, and a great many have to spring colts may be partially overit. I tell at my barn they will always the brood mares for very light work, find it as long as I am around. One of with the colts at liberty to accompany my neighbors bought a colt that had them always. A colt needs but very four ringbones. The owner had tried little feeding if the pasture is good, and there is water running through it. He of, and sold to this man. He has taken needs then only a small feed of oats at night-no corn-and if he is given hay it is not necessary to give him a full ration. What he will consume from the barn will not be one-third his value when he is In answer to a question as to the defi- three years old, and if he is well bred the

> held in the mouth by a cord tied to few days you can tie strings, making minature reins, to this bit, and teach the colt the proper use of it. When this is done he is ready for the regular steel bit.
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> —G. B. Dillon, in the Epitomist.

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Ambitious, full uv youthful fire, he entered

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on success. At 30 years his health broke down frum over

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Two stuns p'int straight at heaven's blue in ungawamp's churchyard;

One over in the corner, an' one on the boule One is a stylish monument, a gran' like thing

niagree. One is Tom Jason's monument, an' one Sile

Grover's stun. Two boys, clus friends fur sixteen year, whos

-Joe Cone in Globe-Democrat.

The decided increase in wages by the in our own provinces; 14,000,000 pounds Maine Central Railroad was the best of tobacco were imported last year; this Christmas present the employees could can be grown in the Philippines, in lesire, and it was received with hearty Cuba, and in the Southern states of this thanks by every one.

Among the many bright sayings of that versatile genius, Holman F. Day, we An experimental tea garden is being do not recall anything more suggestive started in every Southern state, and there than the poem we republish in another is no reason why it should not be a succolumn, "When Son Had Got The Deed."

Any attempt at an organized Fenia raid on Canada will meet with a prompt reply on the part of our government, and a heavy hand will be laid on the movenent. This country is not in that kind

A child in Germantown, Penn., died from eating a "free sample" of patent medicine left at the door of the house. Cannot something be done to prevent this indiscriminate distribution of poi son? A man has no right to leave sample dynamite shell at your door, or a sample rattlesnake; neither should he have a right to leave a box of pills the restrictions placed by the insurance sample dynamite shell at your door, or which, in ignorance of their properties may be as dangerous as the dynamite of

Volapuk and other artificial world lan-guages will not be needed, for English is pecially from lightning, and that they rapidly becoming universal. French was once the language of diplomacy, and considered necessary for foreign travel, but now "IInited States" will pass muster almost everywhere. It is a fact worthy of notice that the recent commercial treaty between China and Mexico was treaty between China and Mexico was treaty between the artificially ore reason why the companies should be ter almost everywhere. It is a fact worwritten in English. An artificially crereason why the companies should be
ated language is an impossibility so far
as its practical value is concerned. A
much insurance as they want now would as its practical value is concerned. I much insurance as they want now. would language does not spring into existence they be able to get it with no companies like Minerva from the head of Jove, but from other states doing business in grown through patient centuries, by addition and attrition, and the fittest will the Maine paper fails to follow its reasonsurely survive in this as in other forms ing to a logical conclusion. Besides, it is in error as to some of the facts.—The

"The passing of the pine" is being commented on by the newspapers throughout the state, and it seems probable that Maine will soon have only a port of farm insurance and in the above, nominal right to her proud title of "Pine distorts and perverts our position. The Tree State." The subject of forestry is Farmer holds that the insurance comone which should receive more attention. The spruce is rapidly disappearing, the mitted under state laws, must be under pine is nearly gone, and the hills and state jurisdiction and therefore canno plains of Maine will soon be given over sustain themselves if they persist in reto scrub growth if something is not done fusing insurance to property in the state. to check the devastation. West Oxford We believe that first of all it is the duty county still has some magnificent speci- of the state to protect its inhabitants mens of the noble pine tree, and we hope surely to prevent their being placed at disadvantage by foreign corporations that they may be secure from the lumberman's axe for many years to come. A The Farmer does not admit that farm tract of pine timber in that region ought insurance is losing business, and questo be secured by the state as a public tions the justice of measuring the worth park, to preserve the trees for their of any class of property by the results

the same rule and other classes would a Kansas has a secretary of the State times be under the ban. No one fears Board of Agriculture who is not only a the passing out of existence of insur hustler but is accomplishing more for ance companies and the writer of the his state then any like official in the above makes a sad blunder when he atcountry. He believes in getting up tempts this worn-out threat. If we are something new to attract the attention in error in stating the facts we shall be of people at home and outside of the great prompt to correct the same; until the sunflower state. The latest novelty sent out from the office of Secretary Coburn farm property of Maine as worthy of prois a very handsome card to be hung up in an office or to stand upon a desk. On one side are two handsome lithographic tions which declare that from necessit pictures-one representing four milch they have been obliged to withdraw from cows, and the other a country scene farm risks because losses have exceede "Out There in Kansas," in the front of which is a bee-hive with the bees busily the only hard class from which to be at work. On the other side of the card is a collection of figures showing the agricultural products and live stock of

farmer in Sidney had a flock of 18 sheep horribly mangled by dogs not long ago, and the compensation which he received from the town covered not more than half their value. This is the experience of farmers all over the state. An "open time" for dogs is needed, when they might be shot without let or hindrance The experience of the Maine sheep grow er is not unlike the following: "A tax payer wrote the Clearfield Raftsman' Journal that one of his sheep, appraised at \$4.50, was recently killed by a dog, and it cost him \$4 to recover the price of the animal. The Justice demanded \$9 each of the auditors made a charge of \$1. and the constable wanted the other 50

cents for serving notice on the auditors.' One of the wealthiest men in the country, John I. Blair, died at his home in New Jersey last week leaving a fortune of about \$75,000,000. He was remarkable among rich men for the man ner in which he acquired this vast fortune;—not by speculation, by cornering markets or creating trusts, but by energy and industry, by honest dealing and fair play. He made his first dollar by eatch. the city's page;
The country wuz too slow fur him, an' tho and industry, by honest dealing and fair play. He made his first dollar by catching a muskrat and selling the skin. From an' roze a clerk in a store, he became the owne of the store, then the owner of severa as bright toys to,
An' jined the firm at 21 a "hustler through more, then the proprietor of a whole town. He bought an abandoned furnace handle any time.

and was soon supplying the country with iron rails. Coal fields came his way and could gain a dime;

he bought them up. Railroads he built and was soon supplying the country with he bought them up. Railroads he built at his own expense and sold at enormou He tried with all his might an' main tur profits. He was liberal in the use of his

wealth, and his donations to educational and charitable institutions were very large. His career shows that a great clubs an' social cliques.

A busy man. Tom Jason wuz, "A hustler methods thoroughly legitimate, and that a millionaire is not always a rascal, the anarchists to the contrary notwithstand-

Uncle Sam is going to raise his own tropical productions in his new possesons, and no longer be dependent upon other countries. The United States buys annually more than \$200,000,000 worth of tropical products, which we can now raise upon our own land, so to speak. Secretary Wilson hopes to establish ex periment stations in the new colonies, to An' one a 3-foot modest slab without no study the soils and conditions, and introduce new crops fitted to these condition Porto Rico and the Philippines should be able to furnish us with rubber, ban-

anas, cacao and vanilla beans, lemons,

#### WHEN SON HAD GOT THE DEED.

ommercial gums and spice; and many Slowly the toil-cramped, gnarled old fist Wrought at the sheet with a rasping pen; Halted with tremulous quirk and twist, Staggered, and then went on again. other things. We import every year \$1,000,000 worth of palm leaf fans, but now palm trees are waving by the billion

> And checkered the floor where the pal beams shone n a quaint old kitchen down in Maine, With an old man writing there alone

ountry. We are buying abroad yearly And the pen wrought on and the head drooped low

And a tear splashed down on the rusted about 74,000,000 pounds of tea. This will eventually be grown in the South.

> As it traced a verse of the long ago That his grief had brought to his

cessful crop, which will have the further Be kind to thy father for when thou w advantage of furnishing work for the idle young. Who loved thee so fondly as he negro population. The resources of our e caught the first accents that fell from new possessions are only waiting to be

tongue,
And joined in thy innocent glee.
Be kind to thy father for now he is old,
His locks intermingled with gray;
His footsteps are feeb.e, once fearless developed to flood our markets with their abundance. Still the "anti-expansionist" would like to give up this rich prize, to let it fall, as it undoubtedly bold would, into the hands of some other na-

Thy father is passing away. May traces of sorrow be seen, Oh, well mayst thou cherish and comfort h

For loving and kind hath she been Remember thy mother, for thee she will pra As long as God giveth her breath With accents of kinduess; then cheer he

hard way en through the dark valley of death."

companies on Maine farm property and calls upon the insurance commissioner or, if he has not the power, upon the tlessly threshed in a careless cour The poor, plain tale of a home was told, furnishing food for the lawyers' sport egislature for protection to the Maine And a jest at the fond and the foolish old The counsel said as no winked an eye
"Deeded the farm to their only son;
And after 'twas deeded they didn't die they so desire, the Maine paper points out that they are licensed only upon con-forming to certain laws and that the Quite as quick as they should have done. Prearily dragged the homely case Petty and mean in all its parts;

retty and mean in all its parts, uest thro' the law for an old home place. —But never a word of two broken hearts Only a suit where the son and wife

Pledged themselves when they coaxed the deed, To comfort the close of the old folks' life; —Only another case where greed neered at the toil of the hard, hard years Of martyrdom to the hoe and axe,
Writ in wrinkles and etched in tears
And told in the curve of the old bent back

Bent in the strife with the rocky soil. When the grinding work was never done with just one rift in the cloud of toil Simply a tedious legal maze With neighbors stirring the thing for spo

eekly they would have granted greed All that it sought for—all its spoil; Little they valued a forfeit deed, Nor selfishly reckoned their years of toil. leartsick they while the lawyers urged,
Mute when the law vouchsafed the prayer;

Courts soothe not such grief as surged What though the jury's word restored

The walls and roof of the old home place? Would it give them back the blessed hoard Of trust that knew no son's disgrace? Would it give them back his boyhood smile His boyhood love, their simple joy. Would it heal the wounds of these after

And make him again their own dear boy? Would it soothe the smart of the cruel word Of sullen looks and cold neglect? And dull the taunts that pierced like swords And slashed where the wielders little

No; Justice gives the walls and roof,
—To palsied hands a cancelled deed, ebuking with a stern reproof A son's unfilial, shameless greed, But love that made that old home warm, And hope that made all labor sweet, evidence is presented we stand by the The glow of peace that shamed the storm And melted on the pane the sleet

And faith and truth and loving hearts And tender trust in fellow men— Ah, these, my friend, no lawyers' arts Can give again, can give again.

-Holman F. Day in Lewiston Journal,

SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE.

If the number of applications warrant logical they must withdraw. The In- the undertaking, a short school of hortisurance Press of New York declares culture will be held at the R. I. College. that "The fire insurance business in the Kingston, R. I., beginning Feb. 26, 1900 West has been highly unprofitable this and continuing two weeks. The plan year and several companies are expected will be to crowd all the clear-cut, practi- sold, \$10; 10 bbls. apples, \$30; increased to pull out of Chicago. Good authority cal instruction possible into this brief value of herd of cows by raising heifers, the Maine farmer to raise sheep unless exists for the statement that Chicago space of time. To that end the aid of \$360; milk delivered M. C. M. Co., losses for the entire year, based upon ac- practical men who have made a success \$1,324.47; sold calves to value of \$50; her home near this village, Dec. 16, of tual adjustments, may reach 100 per in different lines of horticulture will be poultry and egg account, \$100; total, cent. of the premium receipts. The elicited. Special effort will also be made \$2,084.47. Mr. Longley has received the year will close with some of the western to familiarize students with horticultural literature in order that they may know or the same as cash, except for the inwhere to look for information when eded. The work will include a study without insurance but it of course of soils, fertilizers, propagation, spraying, must, for the public print says: "Philadelphia beats its own record this year as delphia beats its own record this year as

further information, address FRED W. CARD. Professor of Horticulture, Kingston, R. I.

against \$1,368,277 for 1898, while this year's premiums will not exceed \$3.500 .-Last Thursday Mrs. Emma A., wife Gen. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., died, after a brief illness, leaving on daughter aged ten and a bereaved hus If our fire insurance companies would cease inviting over insurance for the sake band to mourn her loss. Gen. Twitchell of increased premiums they would at once put a stop to the insinuation so leading attorney of New Hampshire and often heard that the insurance invited the fire. No policy should be written anywhere without an inspection and here the insured has as much at stake as his married life has been one sweet, lov anywhere without an inspection and ing experience. The memory of these happy years will remain while life lasts. To the husband and daughter ... e would sum paid in first has been consumed to the sum paid in first has been consumed to the sum paid in first has been consumed to the sum paid in first has been consumed to the sum paid in first has been consumed to the sum of the sum of

about to reduce the local fares is but in large premiums, the per cent. of losses, where bad motives are suspected, would be eliminated and the business rest upon who travel.

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## WHAT CONSTITUTES AN UP-TO-DATE FARMER!

[CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.]

four o'clock in the morning with his sus penders hanging and with his shoes out at heel and toe and the soles trying to get on the top of his feet and content to use the same kind of tools that his grandfather used, but he must be a hinking man, plan his work and use only the best of tools. Thus equipped \$50 from Hon. J. H. Manley. and his day's work planned, even if he does not get into the field until seven or half past he will accomplish more and if Augusta money lender has been charging

dignity to his labor. Bro. McCully thought there was reason why a man shouldn't know just what profit there was in keeping cows, ecause his milk was measured every morning at the milk factory, and at the end of the month he received his pay. showing exactly what his milk brought, and if he would weigh his feed he could but know just what it cost to produce a gallon of milk. Bro. Ross thought there was a difference between an up-to-date farmer and up-to-date farming, because man can do up to-date farming and not be an up to-date farmer.

A man who measures his feed instead f weighing it, and does not keep books giving credit where it is due, is certainly not an up-to-date farmer. He should know just what it costs to keep the cow nd hen, as well as other stock, and with little practice, he could keep books on the farm as well as in any other busiess. In the near future, the best ethod of keeping books on the farm will be discussed In support of his claim for what con-

that more are successful than sometimes admitted, Bro. Libbey presented the following statements furnished by a few sixth year of his age. Mr. Starret was born of the many successful farmers in Newport and vicinity, and the object lessons are of great value. H. M. Gage, Plymouth, sold products

from his farm, in 1899, to the amount of Stove \$2,446 99. Being questioned as to the Works, Norwich, Conn., and started in Works, Norwich, Conn., and started in cost, he said: "Go to the feed store and you will find there all of the feed charged. as I pay once a month." I did so, and

\$864 00 250 00 100 00 \$1,214 00 \$2,446 99 1,214 00 Balance ..... \$1,232 99

Acres worked season 1899: 3 acres weet corn, 3 acres potatoes, 1/2 acre ruck, 2 acres orchard. Uses 600 lbs. hosphate to acre sweet corn; uses 450 bs. phosphate to acre potatoes; wintered eason '99 without buying any hay; 42 of the poor have been made happy the head cattle (27 milch cows), 25 sheep, horses.

Following is the income of his farm, eason '99: 3 acres sweet corn, \$120; 3 cres potatoes, \$240; beans raised with otatoes, \$26; apples, \$37.50; 6 cows, raised and sold, \$280; lambs and wool, \$118; milk delivered M. C. M. Co., \$1,500.49; calves and sundries, \$125; total, \$2,446.99. Mr. Gage states that the season has been very dry with him, and that his pastures have suffered, consequently be have tracely and suffered control of the season has been very dry with him, and that his pastures have suffered, consequently be have tracely and suffered control of the season has been very dry with him. sequently he has not received nearly his usual amount of milk

Following is a statement made by Mr. J. F. Longley, in regard to his farm, consisting of 50 acres cultivated land: Acres worked season of '99, 6 acres sweet corn 1/2 acre potatoes, 21/2 acres oats, 1/2 acre truck, 11/2 acres orchard. Uses 500 lbs. phosphate to acre of corn and potatoes wintered season of 1899 and 1900 without

Following is the income of his farm 1899: 6 acres sweet corn, \$210; potatoes freight on cream brought in cold cash for everything here represented, rease in his herd. He can sell cows at that value to-day, and have remaining a

herd as good as one year ago. Homer Adams. Farm located one mile west of Newport village, cultivates 35 acres of land, buys no phosphate or hay. Following are the number of acres, also tock wintered season of '98 and '99: Corn fodder, 1 acre, 26 cattle ate 52 tons; potatces, 1 acre, 4 horses ate 10 tons; truck, 1/2 acre, 29 sheep ate 6 tons; total, truck, ½ acres, 29 sheep ate 6 tons; total, 2½ acres, 68 tons; 35 acres minus 2½ acres, equal 32½ acres; 68 tons divided by 32½ acres equal 2 1:10 tons; average and will be much missed by the passers

by 32% acres equal 2 1-10 tons; average have cut to acre, 2 1-10 tons.

N. B. Mills, Newport. Farm located 13% miles northeast Newport village, cultivates 40 acres of land; buys phosphate for sweet corn at the rate of 500 lbs, to one acre of land planted. Does not use phosphate for any other purpose. Raised have for the following stock assess of in the State prison, or to aver me of in the State prison, or to aver me of a rear and will be much missed by the passers buy.

John A. Merrill, under conviction on the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Henry Bushby of North Vassalboro, was sentenced at Augusta Saturday to a term of a year and a half of the policy of the passers buy. hay for the following stock, season of 1899 and 1900: 32 cattle, 42 sheep, 3 \$700. A year ago Merrill was running a horses, on the number of acres shown barber shop in North Vassalboro, which below: 6 acres sweet corn, 1 acre potagive milk this winter.

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## City News.

-Just a little snow would give us th very best of sleighing.

-Work on the new opera house wi ommence early in February, and be rushed through as rapidly as possible. -St. Marks Home and the Howard Benevolent Union have each been made to rejoice because of the annual gift of -Ten per cent, a month is something

more than interest, yet this is what an he puts on his paper collar at night add a poor unfortunate who has been obliged to hire a small sum. The law of the state should prohibit any such extortion. -The Augusta Chorus is doing the city

grand service in quickening a love for choice music and developing the talent among young and old. On Tuesday evening the members gave a charmin ecital, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. -The Augusta Savings Bank has of

fered to take the entire issue of \$800,000. of the Portland and Ogdensburg bonds to be issued July 1st to run eight years at 31/2 per cent. No stronger evicould be found of sound, conser management on the part of a bank or onfidence in a Maine investment. -Messrs. Macomber, Farr & Whitten,

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emember Mr. George Starret, one of the stitutes a successful farmer and in proof oldest stove men in New York, who died at his residence, Morris Park, Long Island, N. Y., December 8, in the seventy in Augusta, Maine, and in 1844 established himself in the stove business here. In 1857 he went to Richmond, Va., and carried on the business there until 1862, when he ran the blockade and came the business at the present location corner of Water and Beekman streets, and introduced their goods on the New York market in 1867. He continued in this location up to the time of his death.

## County News.

-Christmas trade was heavy this year n Augusta, and the evidence of confience in better days manifest on every hand. -Elaborate Christmas services were

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danger. -It looks as though a new bridge would be built across the Sebasticook below Benton Falls, to accommodate the

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-Mr. Jaynes, proprietor of the Water ville creamery, has decided upon the folowing prices during January: For all buying hay; 40 head cattle (24 milch milk delivered at the creamery, 27 cents for the butter fat; delivered at the nearst railway station, 25 cents; for crean at one's door, 331/2 cents. He pays the -Annie, wife of Edward H. Cook,

heart failure. She retired in her usua health on the night of the 15th, and a 10 o'clock awoke her husba in a few minutes. Her age was 56 years. She is survived by her husband and four children. NORTH FAYETTE. Mrs. M. T. Jones

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1899 and 1900: 32 cattle, 42 sheep, 3 stooks, each of the number of acres shown below: 6 acres sweet corn, 1 acre potationes and beans, 7 acres planted. 40 acres workman in the Vassalboro Wooden mill otal, minus 7 acres planted, equal 33 named Henry Bushby. Late at righters, furnished the hay for the full stock Bushby was found badly bruised and incept. 25 of the cattle are cows that will sensible on the steps of the house occupied by his brother-in-law, Henry Axon, dying within a few days. At the end of the first trial, all were discharged except Mertill, who was held on the charge of manslaughter in \$3,000 bail, which was furnished. At the April term of court in Augusts, Merrill was found guilty. The case was carried to the law court, which denied a motion for a new trial, and the end comes with the verdict

-In the probate court, Tuesday, the following lowing wills were proved, approved and allowed: Of P. H. Gilson, late of Gardi ner, O. B. Clason of Gardiner, appointed executor; Fred B Dingly, late of Gardiner, Aby E. Dingley of Gardiner, appointed executiv: Merrill B. Webber, late of Sidney, Juliette V Brackett of Sidney, appointed executiv: Julin P. Carter, late of F rmingdale, Eln E. Carter of Farmingdale, appointed executive. entrix: Elmira Stevens, late of Windson Edward H. Mosher of Windsor appointed administrator with the will annexed administrator with the will annexed. Administration was granted on the fell-living estates: Of Hattie E. Merrill, late of Monmouth, Rabert E. Day of Monmouth, appointed administrator; Lydra F. Page, late of Vassalboro, George H. Bussell of Vassalboro, appointed administrator; Celia M. Fellows. Inter of Favette, Lester R Fellows of Fayette, appointed administrator; John Potter, late of Litchfield, Samuel Smith of Litchfield, appointed administrator;

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#### General News.

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"If the Cap Fits, Wear It." the sensation of the week in financial lif you are suffering from the consequences of impure blood—have boils. Snow to the depth of three feet covers

THE TWENTY-SIXTH STATE GRANGE.

Our report of the State grange in our last issue was necessarily incomplete including only a portion of the officers elect for the ensuing term: gate keeper, L. E. Tuttle, Caribou; Ceres, Mrs. O. Gardner; Pomona, Mrs. F. S. Adams; Flora, Mrs. S. F. Emerson; lady assistant tain the master in his work and advance steward, Mrs. S. Thompson. The fol-lowing gentlemen were elected members ecord for bravery, and was a soldier of of the executive committee: Boyden of the executive committee from Aroos Bearce, East Eddington; Columbus Hayford, Maysville Center, and R. D. Leavitt, Howe's Corner. These, together tion of Maine to the front, and is a recogni with L. W. Jose, whose term of office tion which will meet with a hearty re-Press at Vigan sends, under date of Dec. has not expired, will serve for the ensuing year.

The week proved to be one of the gorroti litter bearers, has crossed the The hospitality of Augusta was characteristic of its large-hearted citizens, and every visitor was made to feel at icinity. She has been sick since the birth of their son, and the hardships of for such a gathering and "just the place their flight proved fatal. Evidently the for the State grange" was the universal verdict. The hotels and boarding houses The alleged attempts in different parts made every patron comfortable so that

The sessions were characterized by partment, and nothing is known upon unanimity of feeling touching the porthe subject beyond the matters set out tion taken by the reports and very little in the newspaper publications. The offi- discussion. The report of the committee cials at Washington do not give the on taxation, urging specific questions fo smallest credence to the stories, and are discussion during the year, calls public of the opinion that the purpose in setting attention to these matters, and the perthem afloat is to frighten the Canadians manent taxation committee will find a into keeping their soldiers at home and lively interest and decided sentiment for failing to answer the appeal of England or against when the session of 1900 for volunteers for the African campaign. opens. On another page we present sev-Six little girls in Quincy, Ills. were eral of the reports on matters of greaturned to death, four were probably est public interest, that on education fatally burned and eight other persons calling for special commendation. B. the chaplain, Bro. D. H. Thing introd were badly injured during the rehearsal W. McKeen, secretary of the Board of the following resolution of respect: of Christmas exercises. There were Agriculture, presented the following

represented different characters. Two Resolved, That we believe in economy of them appeared as lambs and wore in the expenditure of public money, white fleece on their garments. The either for national, state or town purdeece on one caught fire from an open poses, but we recognize that parsimony gas jet and in almost an instant the is not economy and we believe in fully whole ring of little ones was in flames. Sisters of the school ran to the rescue especially those for the education of our as will enable them to more fully under-When the result of the census of 1900 stand their business and relieve them

Resolved, That efforts for equalization

Resolved, That there should be a re-

adjustment of our tax laws so as to fur

between two heavy rolls of paper, run- appears that a storm is brewing on the placing such a tax upon franchises of all Resolved, That the Patrons of Hus bandry being representatives of the great place themselves in a way to fully repre-

> lature and that it should be done in such a manner as to make their efforts most effective. Resolved, That we pledge ourselver to renewed efforts to create a higher moral sentiment among the young, that they may possess better and higher ideals; that they may the more fully appreciate right thinking and right living and thereby be better prepared for those

true men and true women. Resolved, That we believe in more Davis, who has been teaching school in numerical strength. Meanwhile at the laws, a part of the prohibitory Columbus Hayford; Oxford, by Master-New Gloucester, and E. E. Light, Union. laws, a part of the constitution of our elect Perham; Knox, by Master-elect, state, and recognizing that public sentiment must stand behind by their execution and that open violation of any one class tends to create disregard for all law; we earnestly pledge ourselves to labor to create among our people, especially youth, by education, precept and example, such a sentiment as shall tend them to stand as a unit for full enforcement of all laws without any ex-

Resolved, That we appreciate the work being done by the Board of Agriculture and that we believe that the board should continue to elect its executive officer as any other method of election would tend to make it a political office and thereby weaken the board and injure its effective well known Jersey breeder, member of ness and influence among the farmers of the state.

Resolved, That we believe in the University of Maine and that it is doing a Wiswell as Chief Justice in place of our state along practical lines and that Libbey and Brothers C. S. Stetson, J. H. Judge Peters resigned, will meet with we give it our hearty support and ap-

> upon the work already accomplished in Maine for free rural mail delivery and that we urge upon our senators and representives in Congress, through the secits further extension in our state. Resolved. That we extend to the ex-

ecutive committee of the National grange Pa. Saturday. Sixty men are reported entombed. The tipple is wrecked. claims of the farmers for their consideration and for their able and effective efforts in promoting an interest in free rural mail delivery ond in calling the attention of Congress to the evils of trusts and other dangers to the farmers of the

The following letter from Nationa Master Jones was read by Worthy Mas ter Gardner rnd received much applause: SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 18, 1899.

Dear Brother Gardner: I desire through you to congratulate the mem bers of Maine for the grand work done in 1899. I desire that in 1900 every mem-Snow to the depth of three feet covers
Chautauqua county, N. Y. Country
stage lines are blocked, while trains are
from one to six hours late. Trains on
the Erie road and south on the Dunkirk
and Alleghany and Pittsburg road are
unable to leave Dunkirk.

The earthquake at San Jacinto, Cal.,
destroyed every brick building in town.
It is said that rumblings had been heard

Taui peak in the

make the order worthy of membership and the earnest efforts of the best peo

ple of our country.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain cordially and fraternally yours,

AARON JONES. Reports from county deputies clearly indicated the policy of the order to sue

the substantial prosperity of the grange in took county, Hon. Columbus Hayford, Maysville, brings that northeastern sec sponse, both in members and interest. It was, perhaps, the desire on the part of that county for recognition, rather than oppo pleasantest in the history of the order. sition to the retiring member, which led to the change, for Bro. Bowen's services and ability have never been called in

The re-election of Boyden Bearce was practically unanimous, thus testifying to appreciation of his services to the state. To fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Bro. B. F. Briggs, the state grange elected one of the most earnest workers in Androscoggin county, Bro. drawn to the attention of the state de- deep interest, yet there was remarkable R. D. Leavitt, Howe's Corner, for many years master of Turner grange. No state master in Maine ever had a more compe tent board of advisers and no executive eader. The affairs of the Maine State Grange are in good hands and the best interests of the order will be zealously

On Thursday afternoon the memorial exercises were held.

After singing by the choir led by Bro. E. Stearns, Camden, and invocation by the chaplain, Bro. D. H. Thing introduced

Mrs. M. O. Hall deceased in Washington, D. C., Oct. 7, 1899, Sister Hall was Pomona of this Grange for four years and performed the duties of her office with fidelity. Sister Hall was a devoted Christian, a faithful wife and mother, and in all the relations of life was faithful and true.

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Hall we have lost a worthy member, whose memory we cherish with pleasure That we deeply sympathize with Brother Hall in his great affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Hall and spread upon our rec-

Prof. Gowell then presented the foldeath of Bro. B. F. Briggs, they being sec Hodgkins, G. Roberts, B. W. McKeen, Boyden Bearce, Edward Wiggin, Prof. Munson, Prof. Gowell, G. M. Twitchell

Since last we met, one brother, B. F. Briggs, has answered the last great call and gone from among us. A great, a noble, a true, an honorable and worthy man has closed a life full of good deeds and left ar influence for good deeds and left are influenced for good deeds and good for go and left an influence for good that lives after him. With an unbounded faith in the promise of our Heavenly Father he laid down the career of life with the assurance that all is well. We will ever Maine State Grange are due the members B. Whitter, Skowhegan. W. W. McCann, cherish his memory in our hearts and of the Augusta Board of Trade, the East Poland; G. F. Higgins, Presque we recommend that a page in our jour- committee of Capital and North Au- Isle; A. E. Rogers, Orono; A. C. Wilnal of proceedings be set apart in com- gusta Granges and Kennebec Pomona liams, Bowdoinham; Sisters A. B. Cole memoration of him and his services in for efforts made for its entertainment; So. Norridgewock, S. S. Bean, Louisa M.

journal of proceedings be sent the family welcome and free use of fine hall.

and friends.

Bro. Twitchell called attention to the large number who have passed out of the several pomona and subordinate granges, whose services have always been so loyally given for the order but whose loyally given for the order but whose are not reported to the state.

Grange closed in form, and a most narmonic many and a most narmonic ma higher duties of life which alone make

Hancock, by Maater John Dority; York, by Seth Sinnott; Cumberland, by S. F. Subordinate Granges: Sisters Sweetsir; Washington, by Sister Pur-Aiken, Brewer; E. W. Davis, Guilford; Hathaway. by S. P. Archibald; West Washington, Moody, North Whitefield.

Angel Holway of Skowhegan, State deputy, reported 10 Granges organized or reorganized since spring, with good ir, New Gloucester; H. L. Irish, Turner

were thoroughly enjoyed while the and A. H. Adams. Division of Labor: Brothers A. F. Clifthe closing session remarks for the good W. M. McCann, S. B. Libby, J. O. Fish, orders No. 3, National Headquarters, G. grand work in educating the youth of of the order were made by Sister R. H. D. O. Stahl. Roberts, E. Wiggin, G. M. Gowell, O. bey, Fairfield; A. C. Williams, Bowdoin- Webster, Chaplain Dept. Maine G. A. R.; Gardner, G. M. Twitchell,, E. C. Hodg-ham; A. H. Eastman, East Sumner; Sie-Resolved, That we look with pleasure kins and S. F. Emerson, while capital grange furnished refreshments.

meeting.

Bro. Twitchell, in behalf of the mayor of Augusta, Board of Trade and citizens extended an invitation to the Maine State of Twitchell, South Paris. extended an invitation to the mainle state.

Grange to meet here again next year, the invitation being seconded by Capital Grange, pledging as cordial a reception and as hearty a welcome as this year.

I witchen, South Paris.

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The following resolution was unani- French; Sisters A. B. Wood, H. S. Bates. mously adopted:

the railroads and hotels for reduced Leighton, H. C. Keen. Resolved, that a marked copy of the rates, and the city of Augusta for cordial Grange closed in form, and a most har-

emulated.

The roll call of Pomona Granges was responded to as follows: Androscoggin, by Eli Hodgkins; Aroostook, by Master Columbus Heaviord: Oxford, by Master Columbus Heaviord: Oxford, by Master Columbus Heaviord: Oxford, by Master J. Harriman, Bucksport; S. F. Sweetsir, Eddington; W. D. Spencer, F. A. Perry.

Officers' Salaries: Brothers J. W. Dear-D. J. Bowly, South Hope; Somerset, by born, Saco; W. A. Larrabee, Auburn; C. Lecturer Ansel Holway; Penobscot, by S. Hamlin, W. S. Weeks, Wm. Adams, Master Boyden Bearce; Piscataquis, by Fred Lucas; Sisters Lizzie L. Smith, master-elect; Waldo, by D. O. Bowen; Veazie; W. J. Crooker, Mechanic Falls, Subordinate Granges: Sisters Mary B.

inton; Aroostook and Penobscot Union, M. E. Ricker, Lisbon; G. F. Merritt, Houlton; F. S. Collins, West Gardiner; by A. E. White; Lincoln, by T. B. Brothers E. S. Stearns, Camden; L. H. Ford, F. E. Wood, Norway, and H. M. Shaw, East Eddington. Good of Order: Brothers S. F. Sweets-

prospects of increasing the number.

The recitations by Bro. A.E. Morse,

W. B. L. Baker, Elkanah Spear, Rockland;

John Dorrity, Bluehill; Sisters L. W. Boarden The recitations by Bio. 22 S. John Dorrity, Bluedin, Sisters T. J. Carle, and Mrs. Walker Hadlock, C. C. Jordan; J. W. Bowden, fittingly observed by the citizens of

ters Mrs. Charles Sylvester, Augusta; L. grange furnished refreshments.

An invitation was extended by the mayor of Lewiston and the members of Lewiston Grange, through Eli Hodgkins, Lewiston Grange, through Eli Hodgkins, Winthrop; W. J. Crooker, Mechanic Winthrop; W. J. Crooker, Mechanic H. Ford, Whitefield; H. J. Harriman, Miss Bessie Stewart; remarks, Hon. J etary of this grange, the desirability of to meet in that city for the next annual Falls; W. H. Bragdon, J. S. True, Inter-

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C. S. Hamlin, W. M. Adams. Resolved, that the thanks of this

> Agriculture: Brothers Eli Hodgkins, Greene Corner; L. C. Morse, B. H. Towle D. O. Stahl, North Waldoboro; E. R.

Eddington; W. D. Spencer, F. A. Perry. W. J. Corthell, Gorham; H. J. Harriman, Taxation: Brothers G. M. Twitchell,

Farnsworth, J. A. Roberts, Norway; M. L. Merrill, L. W. Dyer, E. E. Light, Union; Sisters L. E. Tuttle, Caribou; Geo. Toothaker, Pownal, and O. M. Claims and Grievances: Brothers Boyden Bearce, East Eddington; W. H. Weeks, H. S. Jordan, South Lewiston:

F. W. Phillips, J. S. Bearce; Sisters S. T.

Marble, Rose M. Fall, J. E. White and K.

Augusta; Z. A. Gilbert, Greene; A. O.

A. Rich, West Auburn. The centennial anniversary of the death of Washington was properly and Newport, Thursday evening, in Meridian Hall under the auspices of H. G. Libby appreciated. One hundred and nineteen ford, Winthrop; R. D. Leavitt, J. M. Post No. 118 G. A. R. and Corps No. 66 were instructed in the sixth degree. At Valentine, Brewer; J. L. Lowell; Sisters W. R. C. Programme, reading of general A. R., by Act. Adj. H. G. Libby Post, Dormant Granges: Brothers R. E. Lib- Capt. Wm. L. Ross; prayer, Rev. J. W. remarks, Hon. W. S. Townsend, 1st selectman of Newport; song, "Columbia," M. Sanborn; reading, "The Attributes of Washington," Mrs., Sarah J. Ross; re-marks, Judge Tholl. C. Stevens; song, "Song of a Thousand Years," Mrs. Emily L. Shaw and Mr. Hy Carson; remarks, Rev. H G. Hoisington; remarks, Rev. J. W. Webster; "America;" bene-

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## The Story of an African Farm

By OLIVE SOHREINER.

A gander drowns itself in our dam We take it out and open it on the bank and kneel, looking at it. Above are the organs divided by delicate tissues: below are the intestines artistically curved in spiral form and each tie covered by a delicate network of blood ressels standing out red against the faint blue background. Each branch of the blood vessels is comprised of a trunk, bifurcating and rebifurcating into the most delicate hairlike threads. symmetrically arranged. We are struck with its singular beauty. And, moreover (and here we drop from our kneeling into a sitting posture), this also we remark-of that same exact shape and outline is our thorn tree seen against the sky in midwinter; of that shape also is delicate metallic tracery between our rocks; in that exact path does our water flow when without a furrow we lead it from the dam; so shaped are the antiers of the horned beetle. How are these things related that such deep union should exist between them all? Is it chance. er are they not all the fine branches of one trunk, whose sap flows through as all? That would explain it. We nod over the gander's inside.

This thing we call existence, is it not a something which has its roots far down below in the dark and its branches stretching out into the im mensity above which we among the branches cannot see? Not a chance fumble, a living thing, a One. The thought gives us intense satisfaction We cannot tell why.

We nod over the gander, then star up suddenly, look into the blue sky throw the dead gander and the refuse into the dam and go to work again.

And so it comes to pass in time tha the earth ceases for us to be a welter ing chaos. We walk in the great hall of life, looking up and round reverentially. Nothing is despicable; all is meaning full. Nothing is small: all is part of a whole whose beginning and end we know not. The life that throbs in us is a pulsation from it, too mighty for our comprehension, not too small.

And so it comes to pass at last that whereas the sky was at first a small blue rag stretched out over us and so low that our hands might touch it pressing down on us, it raises itself into an immeasurable blue arch over our heads, and we begin to live again.

#### CHAPTER XV. WALDO'S STRANGER.

Waldo lay on his stomach on the red sand. The small ostriches he herded wandered about him, pecking at the food he had cast or at pebbles and dry sticks. On his right lay the graves, on his left the dam. In his hand was large wooden post covered with carv ings, at which he worked. Doss lay before him basking in the winter sun shine and now and again casting an ex pectant glance at the corner of the nearest ostrich camp. The scrubby thorn trees under which they lay yield ed no shade, but none was needed in that glorious June weather, when in the hottest part of the afternoon the sun was but pleasantly warm. And the boy carved on, not looking up, yet ous of the brown serene earth about him and the intensely blue sky

Presently, at the corner of the camp Em appeared, bearing a covered sauce in one hand and in the other a jug with a cup on the top. She was grown into a premature little old woman of 16. ridiculously fat. The jug and saucer she put down on the ground before og and his master and dropped down beside them herself, panting and out of breath.

"Waldo, as I came up the camps met some one on horseback, and I do believe it must be the new man that is

The new man was an Englishman to n the Boer woman had hired half the farm.

"Hum!" said Waldo.

"He is quite young," said Em, holding her side, "and he has brown hair and beard curling close to his face and

such dark blue eyes. And, Waldo, I was so ashamed! I was just looking back to see, you know, and he happened just to be looking back, too, and we looked right into each other's face, and he got red, and I got so red. I be-Neve he is the new man." "Yes." said Waldo

"I must go now. Perhaps he has brought us letters from the post from Lyndall. You know, she can't stay at school much longer. She must come back soon. And the new man will have to stay with us till his house is I must get his room ready. Goodby!

She tripped off again, and Waldo earved on at his post. Doss lay with nose close to the covered saucer and smelled that some one had made nice little fat cakes that afternoon. Both were so intent on their occupation that not till a horse's hoofs beat beside them in the sand did they look up to see a rider drawing in his steed.

He was certainly not the stranger m Em had described, a dark, somewhat French looking little man of eight and twenty, rather stout, with heavy, cloudy eyes and pointed mus-His horse was a flery creature, well caparisoned. A highly ished saddlebag hung from the saddle. The man's hands were gloved, and he presented the appearance—an appearance rare on that farm-of a

dressed gentleman.

In an uncommonly melodious voice he inquired whether he might be allowed to remain there for an hour. Waldo directed him to the farmhouse. but the stranger declined. He would rely rest under the trees and give his horse water. He removed the saddle, and Waldo led the animal away to the dam. When he returned, the stranger had settled himself under the trees, with his back against the sad-The boy offered him of the cakes declined, but took a draft from the jug, and Waldo lay down not far off and fell to work again. It mattored nothing if cold eyes saw it. It was not his sheep shearing machine With material loves, as with human we go mad once, love out and have sm a second time. This was but a thing he had made, labored over, lovliked, nothing more-not his

The stranger forced himself lower down in the saddle and yawned. It

was a drowsy afternoon, and he object ed to travel in these out of the world He liked better civilized life. where at every hour of the day a man may look for his glass of wine and his easy chair and paper; where at night may lock himself into his room with his books and a bottle of brandy and taste joys mental and physical. world said to him-the all knowing. nnipotent world, whom no locks can bar, who has the catlike propensity of eeing best in the dark-the world said that better than the books he loved the brandy and better than books o brandy that which it had been better had he loved less. But for the world he cared nothing. He smiled blandly in its teeth. All life is a dream. wine and philosophy and women keep the dream from becoming a nightmare. so much the better. It is all they are fit for, all they can be used for. There was another side to his life thought, but of that the world knew nothing and said nothing, as the way

of the wise world is. The stranger looked from beneat his sleepy eyelids at the brown earth that stretched away, beautiful in spite of itself, in that June sunshine: looked at the graves, the gables of the farmuse showing over the stone walls of the camps, at the clownish fellow at his feet, and yawned. But he had drunk of the hind's tea and must say

"Your father's place, I presume?" b nquired sleepily.

"No; I am only a servant." "Dutch people?"

"Yes." "And you like the life?" The boy hesitated. "On days like these." "And why on these?"

"They are very beautiful." The stranger looked at him. It seen ed that as the fellow's dark eyes look across the brown earth they kin dled with an intense satisfaction. There

they looked back at the carving. What had that creature, so coars clad and clownish, to do with the su tle joys of the weather? Himself white handed and delicate, he migh hear the music which shimmering sur shine and solitude play on the finel strung chords of nature, but that fe Was not the ear in that great body too gross for such delicate mu terings?

Presently he said:

"May I see what you work at?" The fellow handed his wooden pos It was by no means lovely. The men and birds were almost grotesque their labored resemblance to natur and bore signs of patient thought The stranger turned the thing over on his knee.

"Where did you learn this work?" "I taught myself."

"And these zigzag lines represent"-"A mountain." The stranger looked.

"It has some meaning, has it not?" The boy muttered confusedly:

"Only things." The questioner looked down at him the huge, unwieldy figure, in size man's, in right of its childlike fea tures and curling hair a child's-and i hurt him. It attracted him, and i hurt him. It was something between pity and sympathy

"How long have you worked a this?"

"Nine months."

From his pocket the stranger dre his pocketbook and took something from it. He could fasten the post his horse in some way and throw away in the sand when at a safe di tance

"Will you take this for your car ing?" The boy glanced at the £5 note and

shook his head. "No; I cannot."

"You think it is worth more?" asked the stranger, with a little sneer.

He pointed with his thumb to grave

"No; it is for him." "And who is there?" asked the stran-

"My father '

The man silently returned the not to his pocketbook and gave the carv ing to the boy and, drawing his hat over his eyes, composed himself t sleep. Not being able to do so, afte awhile he glanced over the fellow' shoulder to watch him work. The boy carved letters into the back. "If," said the stranger, with

melodious voice, rich with a sweetne that never showed itself in the clouded eyes, for sweetness will linger on in the voice after it has died out in the eyes-"if for such a purpose, whi write that upon it?

The boy glanced at him, but made no answer. He had almost forgotten

his presence. "You surely believe," said the stran ger, "that some day, sooner or later these graves will open and those Boei uncles with their wives walk abou here in the red sand with the very fleshly legs with which they went sleep? Then why say, 'He sleeps for ever?' You believe he will stand up again?"

"Do you?" asked the boy, lifting fo an instant his heavy eyes to the stran

Half taken aback, the stranger langh ed. It was as though a curious little tadpole which he held under his glass should suddenly lift its tail and begin to question him.

"I? No." He laughed his short, thick laugh. "I am a man who believes nothing, hopes nothing, fears nothing, feels nothing. I am beyond the pale of humanity, no criterion of what you should be who live here among your ostriches and bushes.

The next moment the stranger was urprised by a sudden movement or the part of the fellow, which brough close to the stranger's feet. after he raised his carving and laid i cross the man's knee.

"Yes, I will tell you," he muttered "I will tell you all about it."

He put his finger on the grotesque little manikin at the bottom (ah, that man who believed nothing, hoped noth ing, felt nothing-how he loved him! and with eager finger the fellow moved upward, explaining over fantastic fig res and mountains, to the crowning bird from whose wing dropped a feath breath-short words, like one who ut ters things of mighty import.

The stranger watched more the facthan the carving, and there was now and then a show of white teeth be neath the mustaches as he listened "I think," he said blandly when the

had done, "that I partly unde stand you. It is something after thi fashion, is it not?" He smiled. certain valleys there was a bunter." He touched the grotesque little figure at the bottom. "Day by day be went to hunt for wild fowl in the woods, and it chanced that once he stood on the shores of a large lake. While he stoo waiting in the rushes for the coming of the birds a great shadow fell on him, and in the water he saw a re dection. He looked up to the sky, but the thing was gone. Then a burning desire came over him to see once again that reflection in the water, and all day he watched and waited, but night came, and it had not returned. Then he went home with his empty bag, moody and silent. His comrades came questioning about him to know the reaon, but he answered them nothing He sat alone and brooded. Then his friend came to him, and to him he

spoke. " 'I have seen today,' he said, 'tha which I never saw before—a vast white bird, with silver wings outstretched sailing in the everlasting blue. And now it is as though a great fire burned within my breast. It was but a sheen. a shimmer, a reflection in the water but now I desire nothing more on earth than to hold her.' "His friend laughed.

"'It was but a beam playing on the water or the shadow of your own head. Comorrow you will forget her.' he said. "But tomorrow and tomorrow and omorrow the hunter walked alone. He sought in the forest and in the woods, the lakes and among the rushes but he could not find her. He shot no more wild fowl. What were they to him?

"'What ails him?' said his comrades

"'He is mad,' said one.
"'No; but he is worse,' said another He would see that which none of u have seen and make himself a wonder. " 'Come, let us forswear his compa ny,' said all.

"So the hunter walked alone "One night, as he wandered in the shade, very heartsore and weeping, an old man stood before him, grander and taller than the sons of mer 'Who are you?' asked the hunter.

"'I am Wisdom,' answered the old man, 'but some men called me Knowl All my life I have grown these valleys, but no man sees me till he has sorrowed much. The eyes must be washed with tears that are to be hold me, and, according as a man ha suffered, I speak.' "And the hunter cried:

long, tell me, what is that great wild bird I have seen sailing in the blue? They would have me believe she is dream, the shadow of my own head." "The old man smiled.

"'Oh, you who have lived here

"'Her name is Truth. He who ha once seen her never rests again. Till "And the unter cried:

"'Oh, tell ne where I may find her!" "But the man said:

'You have not suffered enough,' an vent. "Then the hunter took from

breast the shuttle of Imagination and wound on it the thread of his Wishes and all night he sat and wove a net. "In the morning he spread the golde

net open on the ground, and into it he threw a few grains of credulity, which his father had left him and which he kept in his breast pocket. They were white puffballs, and when you troo on them a brown dust flew out. Then he sat by to see what would happen The first that came into the net was a snow white bird, with dove's eyes, an he sang a beautiful song. 'A human God, a human God, a human God!' is sang. The second that came was black and mystical, with dark, lovely eyes that looked into the depths of you soul, and he sang only this-'Immo

tality! "And the hunter took them both it his arms, for he said: "They are surely of the beautiful

family of Truth. "Then came another, green and gold, who sang in a shrill voice, like one crye in the market place 'Reward afte death, reward after death!

"And he said: "'You are not so fair, but you are

fair, too,' and he took it. "And others came, brightly colored, singing pleasant songs till all the grains were finished, and the bunte gathered all his birds together and built a strong iron cage, called a new creed, and put all his birds in it.

"Then the people came about, dans ing and singing. 'Oh, happy hunter!' they cried. 'Oh wonderful man! Oh, delightful birds!

Oh, lovely songs!" "No one asked where the birds had come from nor how they had been caught, but they danced and sang be-

fore them. And the hunter, too, was glad, for he said: 'Surely Truth is among them. time she will molt her feathers, and I shall see her snow white form.'

"But the time passed, and the people sang and danced, but the hunter's heart grew heavy. He crept alone, as of old, to weep. The terrible desire had awakened again in his breast. One day, as he sat alone weeping, it chance ed that Wisdom met him. He told the old man what he had done.

"And Wisdom smiled sadly 'Many men,' he said, 'have spreathat net for Truth, but they have never found her. On the grains of credulity she will not feed: in the net of wishes er feet cannot be held; in the air of these valleys she will not breathe. The birds you have caught are of the brood of Lies-lovely and beautiful, but still l.es. Truth knows them not.

"And the hunter cried out in bitter "'And must I, then, sit still, to b devoured of this great burning?

"And the old man said: "'Listen, and in that you have suf fered much and wept much I will tell you what I know. He who sets out to search for Truth must leave these valleys of superstition forever, taking with him not one shred that has be louses to them. Alone he must wan der down into the Land of Absolute Negation and Denial. He must abide there. He must resist temptation When the light breaks, he must arise and follow it into the country of dry The mountains of stern reality will rise before him. He must climb them. Beyond them lies Truth.

"'And he will hold her fast! He will hold her in his hands!" the hunter cried "Wisdom shook his head.

her. The time is not yet.'
"Then there is no hope? cried the

#### "STOP THIEF!"

It is an old trick among the light-fingered fraternity to divert attention from themselves by raising the cry of "stop thief" and so putting the public on a false scent.

There is a certain kind of advertiser who is expert in similar methods. One of his tricks is to tell women that it's "revolting" to write to a man in consultation about disease. "Women should write to a woman." The remainder of the advertisement invites women to write for advice, and is carefully worded to convey the idea that the advice offered is that of a physician. But close examination shows that there is ician's advice offered and the whole clamor of "write to a woman" is raised to divert attention from the fact that the woman offering advice is not a doctor, and therefore not competent to give medical advice:

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#### Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes Weak Women Strong and Sick Women Well.

"There is this,' said Wisdom, 'Some nen have climbed on those mountains -circle above circle of bare rock they have scaled-and, wandering there in those high regions, some have chanced to pick up on the ground one white. silver feather dropped from the wing f Truth. And it shall come to pass. said the old man, raising himself prophetically and pointing with his fin ger to the sky-'it shall come to pass when enough of those silver feathers shall have been gathered by the hands of men and shall have been woven into cord, and the cord into a net, that in that net Truth may be captured. Noth ing but Truth can hold Truth.'

"The nunter arose. 'I will go,' h said.

"But Wisdom detained him " 'Mark you well-who leaves these valleys never returns to them. Though he should weep tears of blood seven days and nights upon the confines, he can never put his foot across them. Left, they are left forever. Upon the road which you would travel there is no reward offered. Who goes, goes freely, for the great love that is in

" 'I go,' said the hunter, 'but upon the mountains, tell me, which path shall I take?

"I am the child of the Accumulated Knowledge of Ages,' said the man. can walk only where many men hav trodden. On those mountains few feet have passed. Each man strikes out a at last and stepped into the broad sunpath for himself. He goes at his own peril. My voice be hears no more. I mighty mountains of Dry Facts and may follow after him, but I cannot go before him." "Then Knowledge vanished.

his cage and with his hands broke down the bars, and the jagged iron tore began to climb, and the rocks and his flesh. It is sometimes easier to build than to break. "One by one he took his plumed birds and let them fly. But when he came to few days, a few weeks, a few months

"And the hunter turned. He went

his dark plumed bird he held it, and at most, and then the top! Not one looked into its beautiful eyes, and the bird uttered its low, deep cry-'Immor tality!

"And he said quickly: 'I cannot part with it. It is not heavy. It eats no clasp her! food. I will hide it in my breast. I will take it with me.' · And he buried and sang loud. Victory was very near. It there and covered it over with his Nevertheless, after awhile the path

heavier, heavier, till it lay on away. On the right and left rose huge his breast like lead. He could not rocks, devoid of lichen or moss, and in move it. He could not leave those val- the lavalike earth chasms vawned. leys with it. Then again he took it out Here and there he saw a sheen of white and looked at it.

"'Oh, my beautiful, my heart's own." he cried. 'May I not keep you?'

"He opened his hands sadly. in Truth's song one note is like to a path for himself until he reached a yours, but I shall never hear it.' "Sadly he opened his hand, and the

bird flew from him forever. "Then from the shuttle of Imagin tion he took the thread of his Wishe and threw it on the ground, and the empty shuttle he put into his breast for the thread was made in those valeys, but the shuttle came from an unknown country. He turned to go, but now the people came about him, how!

ing. "'Fool, hound, demented lunatic they cried. 'How dared you break your cage and let the birds fly?

"The hunter spoke, but they would rolled the white mist over the valleys not hear him. "'Truth! Who is she? Can you eat ed the mountains. They had seemed her? Can you drink her? Who has low before. They were of an immeas ever seen her? Your birds were real urable height now, from crown to foun-All could hear them sing. Oh, fool! dation surrounded by walls of rock

pollute the air!" "'Come; let us take up stones and sunshine. He uttered a wild cry. He

stone him? cried some.

"'What affair is it of ours?' said when he rose his face was white. In others. 'Let the idiot go,' and went absolute silence he walked on. He away. But the rest gathered up stones was very silent now. In those high reand mud and threw at him. At last, gions the rarefied air is hard to breathe when he was bruised and cut, the by those born in the valleys. Every hunter crept away into the woods, and breath he drew hurt him, and the it was evening about him."

At every word the stranger spoke the fingers. Before the next wall of rock fellow's eyes flashed back on himyes, and yes, and yes! The stranger seemed infinite, and he said nothing. smiled. It was almost worth the trouble of exerting oneself, even on a lazy day upon the iron rocks into which he afternoon, to win those passionate cut steps. Years passed over him, yet flashes, more thirsty and desiring than he worked on, but the wall towered up

the love glances of a woman.
"He wandered on and on," said the stranger, "and the shade grew deeper. He was on the borders now of the land walls to be a companion to him, but it where it is always night. Then he stepped into it, and there was no light each branch as he touched it broke off, and the earth was covered with cinders. At every step his foot sank in, and a fine cloud of impalpable ashes flew up into his face, and it was dark. So he sat down upon a stone and buried his face in his hands to wait in that Land of Negation and Denial GRAIN-O.

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"And it was night in his heart also Then from the marshes to his rigi and left cold mists arose and closed about him. A fine, imperceptible rain fell in the dark, and great drops gath ered on his hair and clothes. His hear

> beat slowly, and a numbuess crep through all his limbs. Then, looking up, two merry whisp lights came dane He lifted his head to look a them. Nearer, nearer they came, s warm, so bright, they danced like star of fire. They stood before him at last From the center of the radiating flam in one looked out a woman's face laughing, dimpled, with streaming yel low hair. In the center of the other were merry, laughing ripples, like the bubbles on a glass of wine. They lanced before him. 'Who are you,' asked the hunter

who alone come to me in my solitude and darkness? "'We are the twins Sensuality!' the

'Our father's name is Huma Nature, and our mother's name is Ex We are as old as the hills and rivers, as old as the first man, but y never die,' they laughed. "'Oh, let me wrap my arms abo

you? cried the first. "They are soft and warm. Your heart is frozen new but I will make it beat. Oh, come "'I will pour my hot life into you

said the second. 'Your brain is numb and your limbs are dead now, but the shall live with a fierce free life. Oh. let me pour it in!"

"'Oh, follow us,' they cried, 'and live with us! Nobler hearts than your have sat here in this darkness to wait and they have come to us and we to them, and they have never left us, nev er. All else is a delusion, but we ar real, we are real. Truth is a shadow the valleys of superstition are a fare the earth is of ashes, the trees all rot ten, but we-feel us-we cannot doubt us. Feel us. How warm we are! Oh, come to us! Come to us! "Nearer and nearer round his head they hovered, and the cold drops melt ed on his forehead. The bright light

shot into his eyes, dazzling him, and the frozen blood began to run. And "'Yes. Why should I die here i this awful darkness? They are warm; they melt my frozen blood!" And he stretched out his hands to take them. walls to the white clouds, but its work "Then in a moment there arose fore him the image of the thing he had

"'Oh, come to us!' they cried. "But he buried his face. "You dazzle my eyes," he cried, 'yo nake my heart warm, but you cannot give me what I desire. I will wait

oved, and his hand dropped to his side

ere-wait till I die. Go!' "He covered his face with his hands and would not listen, and when looked up again they were two twinkling stars, that vanished in the di tance

"And the long, long night rolled on "All who leave the valley of supers sunlight shine on his early home, and tion pass through that dark land, bu some go through it in a few days, sor linger there for months, some for

years, and some die there.' The boy had crept closer. His ho breath almost touched the stranger hand. A mystic wonder filled his eyes

"At last for the hunter a faint light played along the horizon, and he ros follow it, and he reached that ligh shine. Then before him rose the al Realities. The clear sunshine played on them, and the tops were lost in the clouds. At the foot many paths rat up. An exultant cry burst from the hunter. He chose the straightest and ridges resounded with his song. The had exaggerated. After all, it was no so high, nor was the road so steep. feather only would be pick up. He would gather all that other men had found, weave the net, capture Truth

hold her fast, touch her with his hands "He laughed in the merry sunshine grew steeper. He needed all his breath "But the thing he had hidden grew for climbing, and the singing died bones. Now, too, the path began to grow less and less marked. Then it became a mere trace, with a footmark here and there; then it ceased altogeth-'Go,' he said. 'It may happen that er. He sang no more, but struck forth mighty wall of rock, smooth and without break, stretching as far as the eye could see. 'I will rear a stair against it, and, once this wall climbed, I shall be almost there,' he said bravely and worked. With his shuttle of Imagination he dug out stones, but half of them would not fit, and half a month's work would roll down because those below were ill chosen. But the hunter work-

ed on, saying always to himself, 'Once this wall climbed, I shall be almost there, this great work ended!" "At last he came out upon the top and he looked about him. Far below of Superstition, and above him tower-Vile reptile! Atheist! they cried. 'You that rose tier above tier in mighty circles. Upon them played the eternal bowed himself on to the earth, and blood oozed out from the tips of his he began to work. The height of this The sound of his tool rang night and always above him to heaven. Sometimes he prayed that a little moss or lichen might spring up on those bare never came."

## GRAIN-O! GRAIN-O!

The stranger watched the boy's face. 'And the years rolled on. He count

ed them by the steps he had cut-a few for a year, only a few. He sang no nore. He said no more, 'I will do this r that:' he only worked. And at night when the twilight settled down there oked out at him from the holes and revices in the rocks many strange, rild faces.

"Stop your work, you lonely man, and speak to us,' they cried. "'My salvation is in work. should stop but for one moment, you

would creep down upon me, he re-plied. And they put out their long necks farther. " 'Look down into the crevice at your feet,' they said. 'See what lie there-

white bones! As brave and strong a man as you climbed to these rocks. And he looked up. He saw there was no use in striving. He would never hold Truth, never see her, never find her. So he lay down here, for he was very tired. He went to sleep forever. He put himself to sleep. Sleep is very tranquil. You are not lonely when you are asleep, neither do your hands iche nor your heart.' And the hunter laughed between his teeth. 'Have I torn from my heart all that

was dearest? Have I wandered alone in the land of night? Have I resisted temptation? Have I dwelt where the labored alone to lie down and be food for you, ye harpies? "He laughed fiercely, and the echoes

of despair slunk away, for the laugh of a brave, strong heart is a death blow to them. "Nevertheless they crept out again

and looked at him 'Do you know that your hair is white,' they said, 'that your hands begin to tremble like a child's? Do ou see that the point of your shuttle gone? It is cracked already. If you should ever climb this stair, they said. it will be your last. You will never elimb another.

"And he answered, 'I know it!' and worked on "The old, thin hands cut the stones

ill and jaggedly, for the fingers were stiff and bent. .The beauty and the strength of the man were gon "At last an old, wizened, shrunken face looked out above the rocks. It saw the eternal mountain rise with

was done. "The old hunter folded his tired hands and lay down by the precipic where he had worked away his life. It was the sleeping time at last. Below him over the valleys rolled the thick white mist. Once it broke, and through the gap the dying eyes looked down on the trees and fields of their childhood. From afar seemed borne to him the cry of his own wild birds, and he heard the noise of the people singing as they danced, and he tho he heard among them the voices of his old comrades, and he saw afar off the

great tears gathered in the hunter's "'Ah, they who die there do not die

alone!" he cried "Then the mists rolled together again and he turned his eyes away. "'I have sought,' he said, 'for long found her. I have not rested, I have ast repined, and I have not seen ber Now my strength is gone. Where stand young and fresh. By the steps that I have cut they will climb; by the stairs that I have built they will They will never know the same of the man who made them. At the clumsy work they will laugh; when the stones roll, they will curse me. But they will mount, and on my they will climb, and by my stair! They will find her, and through me! And no man liveth to himself, and no man lieth to himself.

"The tears rolled from beneath the shriveled eyelids. If Trath had appeared above him in the clouds now. e could not have seen her-the mist of death was in his eyes

'My soul hears their glad step coming in,' he said, 'and they shall they shall mount!" He raised his shriveled hand to his eyes. "Then slowly, from the white sky above, through the still air, came something falling, falling, falling.

on to the breast of the dying man. He felt it with his hands. It was a feather. He died holding it.' The boy had shaded his eyes with his hand. On the wood of the carving great drops fell. The stranger must have laughed at him or remained si-

Softly it fluttered down and dropped

lent. He did so. "How did you know it?" the boy whispered at last. "It is not written there, not on that wood. How did

"Certainly," said his stranger, "the

whole of the story is not written here.

but it is suggested. And the attribute of all true art, the highest and the lowest, is this-that it says more than it says and takes you away from itself. It s a little door that opens into an infinite hall where you may find what you please. Men, thinking to detract, say, People read more in this or that work f genius than was ever written in it. not perceiving that they pay the highest compliment. If we pick up the finger and nail of a real man, we can deeipher a whole story-could almost re construct the creature again from head o foot. But half the body of a Mumboo-jumbow idol leaves us utterly in the dark as to what the rest was like. We see what we see, but nothing more There is nothing so universally intellible as truth. It has a thousand meanings and suggests a thousand more." He turned over the wooden thing. Though a man should carve it into matter with the least possible manipulative skill, it will yet find interpreters. It is the soul that looks out with burning eyes through the most gross fleshly filament. Whosoever should portray truly the life and death of a flower-its birth, sucking in of nourishment, reproduction of its kind, wither ing and vanishing-would have shaped a symbol of all existence. All true facts of nature or the mind are related. Your little carving represents some mental facts as they really are, therefore 50 different true stories might be read from it. What your work wants is not truth, but beauty of external form, the other half of art."

He leaned almost gently toward the "Skill may come in time, but you will have to work hard. The love of

hard."

"All my life I have longed you," the boy said.

The stranger broke off the end of his cigar and lighted it. The boy lifted the heavy wood from the stranger's knee and drew yet nearer him. In the doglike manner of his drawing near there was something superbly ridieu lous, unless one chanced to view it another light. Presently the stranger said, whitting, "Do something for me

The boy started up. "No; stay where you are. I don't want you to go anywhere. I want you to talk to me. Tell me what you have been doing all your life.'

The boy slunk down again. that the man had asked him to root to feed on, or to run to the far end of the plain for the fossils that la there, or to gather the flowers grew on the hills at the edge of the plain. He would have run and been back quickly-but now!

"I have never done anything." he

"Then tell me of that nothing like to know what other folks hav been doing whose word I can believe. It is interesting. What was the first thing you ever wanted very much The boy waited to remember, the

began hesitatingly, but soon the v

In the smallest past we find flowed. an inexhaustible mine when once we begin to dig at it. A confused, disordered story, the lit tle made large and the large small, and nothing showing its inward meaning. It is not till the past has receded many steps that before the clearest eyes falls into co-ordinate pictures. It is no till the I we tell of has ceased to exist that it takes its place among other objective realities and finds its true

niche in the picture. The present and

meaning flashes on us as it slinks away

the near past are a confus

into the distance The stranger lighted one cigar from the end of another and puffed and listened with half closed eyes.

"I will remember more to tell you if you like," said the fellow. He spoke with that extreme gravity common to all very young things who feel deeply. It is not till 20 that we learn to be in deadly earnest and to laugh. The stranger nodded, while the fellow sought for something more to relate. He would tell all to this man of his-all that he knew, all that he had felt, his most inmost thought. Suddenly the stranger turn

"Boy," he said, "you are happy to be

Waldo looked at him. Was his delightful one ridiculing him? Here with his brown earth and these low hills, while the rare wonderful world lay all beyond. Fortunate to be here

The stranger read his glance "Yes," he said, "here with the karroe bushes and the red sand. Do you won der what I mean? To all who have been born in the old faith there e a time of danger, when the old slips from us, and we have not yet plants our feet on the new. We hear the vo from Sinal thundering no more, the still, small voice of reason is n yet heard. We have proved the ligion our mothers fed us on to delusion. In our bewilderm no rule by which to guide our step day by day, and yet every day we step somewhere." The stranger lea forward and spoke more quickly have never once been taught by wor and the moral laws on which artfully fastened itself and from it has sucked its vitality. have dragged down the creepers that covered the solid and have found them to be rot wood, we imagine the wall itself to rotten wood too. We find it and standing only when we fall bear long against it. We have been to that all right and wrong originat the will of an irresponsible being is some time before we see how th exorable 'Thou shalt and shalt no are carved into the nature of things.

This is the time of danger. His dark, misty eyes looked into the

"In the end experience will inevita and noble life have a foundation inf nitely deeper than the flat of any l ing, God or man, even in the ground work of human nature. She will teach us that whose sheddeth man's blood though by man his blood be not shed though no man avenge and no be await, yet every drop shall blister his soul and eat in the name of the a love not lawfully his own gathers : flower with a poison on its petals; that whose revenges strikes with a swor that has two edges-one for his adv sary, one for himself; that who lives himself is dead, though the ground not yet on him: that who wrongs at other clouds his own sun, and that w sins in secret stands accused and co demned before the one judge eternal justice-his own all knowlns

"Experience will teach us this. reason will show us why it must so, but at first the world swings bef our eyes, and no voice cries out: Is the way. Walk ye in it!" You a happy to be here, boy. When the st Walk ye in it! You ar stone walls and dig earth for re-Others have stood where you stand to day and have felt as you feel, and all other relief has been offered them, and

they have taken it. "When the day has come when they have seen the path in which the might walk, they have not the strength them from which nothing but death can free them; which cling closer that his sacerdotal sanctimony to a priest which feed on the intellect like s worm, sapping energy, hope, creative than a beast, leaving only the power yearn, to regret and to sink lower in the abyss.

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The fire was bright. The night was drear We sat and praised the parting year. One guest gave thanks for added wealth, one for quick return to health The aged father told, with joy. ning of his absent bo "A gladsome year!" the brother cried, and smiled upon his rosy bride.

'Ah, yes!" the sister said, and pressed "It was a glorious year, in truth, gained my 'sheepskin!'" cried the youth. The patient mother gently sighed, eathed the name of one who died. Then softly said, "To her was given

#### SOME RECENT BOOKS.

year's best gift, for she has heaven.'

Every earnest-minded person has the nsciousness, more or less vivid, that he is receiving a two-fold Divine tuition of truth and of experience. Sometimes these dual influences seem marvelously orrelated, sometimes they seem con tradictory and perplexing, and any ol vious disagreement is felt to be due either to a perversion of truth on the one hand, or to an inadequate apprehension of the significance of life itself on the other. That this tuition should be seen to be in accordance with itself in all its avenues we do all desire, so that whoever helps to show us the one as the complement and interpreter of the other and to establish us in the trust and the surrender we yield them both as God's God, instruments of guidance, has rendered us an invaluable service.

It is precisely this service which, in part is accomplished by President Hyde's ate book, "God's Education of Man." The introduction, and we must dissent at the outset from the writer's character ization of this part of the book as "hard reading," discusses, very convincingly and with much acuteness, "The Re organization of the Faith." The opening chapter on "The Ethical Basis of Christianity" leaves little to be desired in the way of just and careful thinking, ready formulation, and the practical application of fundamental principles. convictions and perceptions which have been slowly crystallizing in all our minds are here given concrete and effective form. All thoughtful men and women have discerned in some measure the truths of which this chapter is the presentment and will rejoice to see them given their rightful place in Christian

The body of the book is given up to a re-statement and re-adjustment of the cardinal truths of our faith, and it need not be said that this task is accomplished

be a help and a satisfaction to very many. Perhaps the most valuable part of the book, however, consists in that division of the volume which especially explains childiand illustrates Christian character. I alway think it would be hard to find in current mother writing the principles of right living, hands and the practical application of them, set forth so devoutly, so reasonably, so old w convincingly. These chapters are a corrective of that most dangerous of heresies, self-indulgent and disproportionate living, whatever appealing disguise it may put on. President Hyde's volume is a book of much importance and timeliness in its relation to current discussion, not only, it is of very great helpfulness in the solving of countless personal problems both of faith and of and ye

A projected series, the initial volumes of which have already been issued, by the same publishers, Messrs. Houghton, and ev Mifflin & Co., is in accord with the newer departures in education, not only, but is itself in the van among the influences She w which must make the movement of lasting benefit. In the "Riverside Art should Series," especially designed for the rough school room, but constituting a valuable many set of hand books for any student, will be given studies of the great artists, a volume to each, with reproductions of baby many of their pictures. The volume those already seen is upon "Raphael," and the name of the author, Miss Estelle Hurll, is guarantee both of its critical excellence and of its literary merit. A study of the character of this most lovable of painters as an artist, opens the little volume, and is followed by a table of works of reference, a directory of the my litt pictures, an outline of his life, sugges- other tions for collateral reading, and a list of his contemporaries. Excellent repro- I think ductions of fifteen of his best known idea of pictures are given, with his portrait would painted by himself. The accompanying repent hints for studying the pictures are excellent, and the series promises to be one of years t

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neavy wood from the stranger's and drew yet nearer him. In the ke manner of his drawing near was something superbly ridicuunless one chanced to view it in er light. Presently the stranger whifting, "Do something for me? boy started up.

; stay where you are. I don't you to go anywhere. I want you k to me. Tell me what you have doing all your life."

boy slunk down again. Would the man had asked him to root ishes with his hands for his horse ed on, or to run to the far end e plain for the fossils that lay or to gather the flowers that on the hills at the edge of the He would have run and been quickly-but now!

have never done anything," he

en tell me of that nothing. I o know what other folks have doing whose word I can believe, interesting. What was the first von ever wanted very much! boy waited to remember, then hesitatingly, but soon the words In the smallest past we find exhaustible mine when once we

to dig at it. onfused, disordered story, the lit ide large and the large small, and ig showing its inward meaning. ot till the past has receded many that before the clearest eyes it nto co-ordinate pictures. It is not e I we tell of has ceased to exist it takes its place among other ive realities and finds its true in the picture. The present and ng flashes on us as it slinks away ne distance.

stranger lighted one cigar from nd of another and puffed and ed with half closed eyes. ce." said the fellow.

spoke with that extreme gravity on to all very young things who eeply. It is not till 20 that we to be in deadly earnest and to The stranger nodded, while the sought for something more to He would tell all to this man -all that he knew, all that he most it. Suddenly the stranger turn-

"he said, "you are happy to be

io looked at him. Was his deone ridiculing him? Here, his brown earth and these low while the rare wonderful world beyond. Fortunate to be here! stranger read his glance. "he said, "here with the karroo and the red sand. Do you won-

hat I mean? To all who have orn in the old faith there comes of danger, when the old slips is, and we have not yet planted et on the new. We hear the voice Sinal thundering no more, and Il. small voice of reason is not We have proved the reour mothers fed us on to be a n. In our bewilderment we see e by which to guide our steps day, and yet every day we must mewhere." The stranger leaned d and spoke more quickly. "We ever once been taught by word to distinguish between religion e moral laws on which it has y fastened itself and from which sucked its vitality. When we dragged down the weeds and rs that covered the solid wall ave found them to be rotten we imagine the wall itself to be wood too. We find it is solid anding only when we fall headgainst it. We have been taught Il right and wrong originate in ll of an irresponsible being. time before we see how the inle 'Thou shalt and shalt not rved into the nature of things.

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the end experience will inevitaich us that the laws for a wise ble life have a foundation infideeper than the flat of any be od or man, even in the gr f human nature. She will teach t whose sheddeth man's blood. by man his blood be not shed no man avenge and no hell yet every drop shall blister on al and eat in the name of the She will teach that whose takes not lawfully his own gathers a with a poison on its petals; that revenges, strikes with a sword as two edges—one for his adver-ne for himself; that who lives to f is dead, though the ground is t on him; that who wrongs and louds his own sun, and that who secret stands accused and con-l before the one judge who deals justice-his own all knowing

erience will teach us this, a will show us why it must be at first the world swings before es, and no voice cries out: 'This way. Walk ye in it!' You are to be here, boy. When the sus-fills you with pain, you build walls and dig earth for relief. have stood where you stand to-d have felt as you feel, and an-elief has been offered them, and

ave taken it. en the day has come when they seen the path in which they walk, they have not the strength ow it. Habits have fastened on from which nothing but death e them; which cling closer than erdotal sanctimony to a priest; feed on the intellect like a sapping energy, hope, creative all that makes a man higher beast, leaving only the power to to regret and to sink lower in

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vithout it. Cascarets, Candy Catharn your blood and keep it clean, by
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t like it. It's too warm to ad-oal and too cool to sell ice."—
id Plain Dealer.

## Home Department.

# EVERY MOTHER

Will be interested in the announcement made upon the fourth page regarding the Maine a little sunshine into some life. Farmer.

#### THE YEAR'S BEST GIFT.

The fire was bright. The night was dream We sat and praised the parting year. One guest gave thanks for added wealth, and one for quick return to health. The aged father told, with joy, coming of his absent boy

"A gladsome year!" the brother cried, And smiled upon his rosy bride. "Ah, yes!" the sister said, and pressed Her infant closer to her breast

"It was a glorious year, in truth, ned my 'sheepskin!'" cried the youth The patient mother gently sighed, And breathed the name of one who died. Then softly said, "To her was given year's best gift, for she has heaven

#### SOME RECENT BOOKS.

-Selected.

Every earnest-minded person has the sness, more or less vivid, that he is receiving a two-fold Divine tuition of truth and of experience. Sometimes these dual influences seem marvelously orrelated, sometimes they seem contradictory and perplexing, and any obvious disagreement is felt to be due either to a perversion of truth on the one hand, or to an inadequate apprehension of the significance of life itself on the other. That this tuition should be seen to be in accordance with itself in all its avenues we do all desire, so that whoever helps to show us the one as the complement and interpreter of the other and to establish us in the trust and the surrender we yield them both as God's instruments of guidance, has rendered us an invaluable service.

It is precisely this service which, in part is accomplished by President Hyde's late book, "God's Education of Man." The introduction, and we must dissent at the outset from the writer's character ization of this part of the book as "hard reading," discusses, very convincingly and with much acuteness, "The Reorganization of the Faith." The opening chapter on "The Ethical Basis of Christianity" leaves little to be desired in the way of just and careful thinking, ready formulation, and the practical application of fundamental principles Convictions and perceptions which have been slowly crystallizing in all our minds are here given concrete and effective form. All thoughtful men and women have discerned in some measure the truths of which this chapter is the presentment and will rejoice to see them given their rightful place in Christian

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#### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

Much has been said about the resolves made at the commencement of each year and how soon they are forgotten. Perhaps one reason for this is, we do not take a day at a time and try to make the best possible use of that, but say: "This year I will do more good and accomplish nore than ever before." "Every day is fresh beginning," and if we firmly decide that each to-morrow shall find us better than to-day, working all the time n the present without too much looking backward or striving to reach too far into the future, we shall not become so easily discouraged. Try each day to put

Always begin at home, for those who are cheerful and courteous in their homes cannot fail to exert an influence for good on all around them. If one can keep sunny amid the many little petty vexations, which so often annoy, he will surely be able to conquer greater ob-

Perhaps if we can get time to call on others and try to greet all whom we meet with a cheery smile and kindly word. our own lives may be broadened. As we sit by the office windows, many times a day our hearts are lightened by the bright glances and merry nods of the heads of the little folk who go by. Blessings on them.

Let us take up our life work with re newed courage and energy, taking into our hearts the sentiment of the following poem:

#### New Every Morning.

Every day is a fresh beginning, Every morn is the world made new;
Ye who are weary of sorrow and suffering.
Here is a beautiful hope for you.

A hope for me and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over The tasks are done and the tears are shed

sterday's errors let yesterday cover, Yesterday's wounds which smarted and Are healed with the healing which night

has shed. Yesterday now is a part of forever. 6 Bound up in a sheaf which God holds tight. With glad days, and sad days, and bad days.

which never
Shall visit us more with their bloom and
their blight,

night. Let them go, since we cannot re-live them, Cannot undo and cannot atone; God, in his mercy, receive, forgive them: Only the new days are our own,

To-day is ours, and to-day alone Here are the skies all burnished brightly, Here is the spent earth, all re-born;

Here are the tired limbs, springing lightly To face the sun and to share with th morn
In the chrism of dew and the cool of dawn

Every day is a fresh beginning: Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain, And spite of old sorrow and older sinning, And, puzzles forecasted and possible pain Take heart with the day and begin again.

#### -Susan Coolidge. KISSES ON INTEREST.

A father, talking to his careless daugh your mother. It may be that you have noticed a careworn look upon her face lately. Of course it has not been brought there by any act of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to proved a boon to thousands of house get up tomorrow morning and get breakfast, and when your mother comes and begins to express her surprise, go right than 750,000 copies have been sold up to her and kiss her on the mouth. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face. Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back, when you were a little girl, she kissed you when no one else was tempted by your feverbe a help and a satisfaction to very many. tainted breath and swollen face. You were not as attractive then as you are now. And through those years of childish sunshine and shadows she was always ready to cure, by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little, dirty, chubby writing the principles of right living, hands whenever they were injured in set forth so devoutly, so reasonably, so old world. And then the midnight ose first skirmishes with the rough convincingly. These chapters are a corkisses with which she routed so many had dreams, as she leaned above your restless pillow, have all been on interest living, whatever appealing disguise it these long, long years. Of course, she may put on. President Hyde's volume is not so pretty and kissable as you are; s a book of much importance and time- but if you had done your share of work liness in its relation to current discussion, not only, it is of very great help-would not be so marked. Her face sonal problems both of faith and of and yet if you were sick that face would appear more beautiful than an angel's as it hovered over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort, and everyone of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine chasing each other over the dear face, She will leave you one of these days These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will break her down. Those rough, hard hands, that have done so many necessary things for you, will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips, that gave you your first baby kiss, will be forever closed, and those sad tired eyes will have opened in eternity, and then you will appreciate your mother; but it will be too late." Centerville Record.

#### THE DAY'S SPOTS

"Nothing I can say seems to impress my little girl," said a young mother the

"She is not a really naughty child, and I think if I could impress her with the luctions of fifteen of his best known idea of thinking before she acts she would be almost sure to do right, her The remark took me back a good many

years to another heedless, quick-tempered child, and a mother who made an im-Perhaps her success may open a way whose name is synonymous with a score for another mother, and start the imag-

> Every morning this mother awakened her little girl with a kiss and the remark: "Here is another fresh, white day. Keep it clean, dear, but if there are any

## WHAT DOTHE CHILDREN DRINK?

The BOOK for BOYS.

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-0? It is delictious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-0 you give the children the more health you distribute the othidren the more health you distribute the othi

# **BOWELS**



KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

It would be hard to over-estimate the hold which that idea took upon the child's imagination. Perhaps no one but God and the mother knew of how earnestly she tried to keep the day clean. And then the bedtime talks!

How the spots were rubbed before the day was given back to God! Sometimes with tears they were blotted

"Please God forgive me!"

the train of thought she started has

The cook made tarts each day in the year, helped the daughter to try and keep life's And nobody thought it the least bit queer. day clean for many a year. She has The kind policeman in all the parks learned to know how much easier it is to

Just stayed to see that the boys—su

enot the day than to rub it clean and

larks! spot the day than to rub it clean, and Kept on the grass; and the teachers bright the hour before the day is given back is always closed with, "God forgive me."

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century," and the appellation becomes significant when one considers the difference in woman's position to-day from what it was a hundred years ago. She And helped the chickens to scratch for food. ness world, as well as in the world of Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful art and letters, yet her home interests And stood, all canned, on the pantry shelves have not seemed to suffer in consequence, as may be proved by the increase in publications for the homemaker during the past few years. The Housekeeper, established in 1877. lished in 1877, was one of the first journals to recognize woman's demand for a periodical devoted to progressive methods in housekeeping. "Helpful, Instruc- To please their mothers, as good as gold tive and Progressive has always been its The breeze came blowing in gentle gales motto. It is a thirty-six page monthly, beautifully illustrated with half tone plates, and full of good things from cover to cover. It tells the homemaker how her babies, how to raise flowers and chickens, and how to do many other informed concerning current events, be sides giving a large amount of good ficter said:"I want to speak to you of tion and special articles on timely topics. Upwards of 140,000 subscribers pro nounce it to be the best of the "domes tic" magazines. With it goes the famous "Buckeye Cookery," which has wives. It is a standard, up-to-date illus trated work of 540 large pages. More by subscription at \$1.75 per copy. The publishers of the Maine Farmer make this grand offer to send this fine magazine and elegant cook book with the Maine Farmer one year for only \$1.50 Don't lose this offer.

#### VOUNG MEN SHOULD REMEMBER

That it takes more than muscle to

make a man. That bigness is not greatness. That it requires pluck to be patient.

That selfishness is the most unmanly she calls it." thing in the world. .That consideration for mother and sis-

ter does more to mark a gentleman than the kind of necktie he wears. That piety is not piggishness

That the only whole man is a holy That to follow the crowd is a confesion of weakness

That the street corners are a poor col-That one real friend is worth a score

of mere acquaintances. That to be afraid to be one's noblest self is greatest cowardice.

nake a man of one's self. That what is put into the brain to-day will be taken out of it ten years hence. That the only manliness worth possess ing is shown in the life of the Son of

Young Folks.

# CHANCE FOR

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THE FIRST ONE?

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CLAIMS

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'Welladay!" thought I, "and deary me! This world is a fairly good world, I own. out how much better indeed 't would be f, putting aside his natural pride Bach living thing in the world so wide Would honestly try his a mple best To be obliging to all the rest!

With a little more kindness and sweet vility. Courtesy, patience, and amiability— Ah, welladay, and deary me, What a highly agreeable world 't would be

Then softly faded the firelight's gleam, And I fell asleep,—or so it would seem,— And dreamed this very remarkable dream tood, methought, in the same old world With the same old ocean round it curled; but a singular state of things I found, As I rubbed my eyes and looked around. Each man and woman, each chick and child. Whenever I met them. bowed and smiled,

And with my errands their memories

Was doing the same for all the rest! ach consideration and thoughtful zeal, Such delicate tact!-I could but feel. From the President, bland on his lofty seat To the dear little cricket that chirped at my feet, There was not a thing in that land so fair

And answered my questions before they were

There was not But lived to oblige. With the tenderest car The ragman muffled his bells, for fear
They might awaken some sleeper near.
And the newsboys called the "Times" and

"Post" Sometimes with tears they were blotted out, sometimes with "oh! I am sorry, mother!"

And again,

In tones like a cooing dove's—almost. The plumber offered the pipes to mend. "Just as a favor, to please a friend."

The lawyer begged that his little bill, Unpaid, as it happened, be unpaid still. The mother long ago passed away, but Finished his sermon before he began.

Gave only-as children know is right

The shortest lessons and highest marks The printers sent out, in the kindest way, An ew St. Nicholas every day; And the editors always took the rhymes That the poets sent at all possible times. To please the fisherman down by the brook This is frequently called "woman's The fish came swimming to catch the hook The oysters smilingly opened their shells; The buckets sprang merrily up in the wells; And the little dogs gathered the down

is rapidly becoming a force in the busi-

boys Refrained from making the slightest noise,

And the mice sat up on the balcony rails, To let the kittens play with their tails; And the old cats stifled their nightly wails: to cook, how to dress, how to care for And the little fish danced to tickle the

whales; And the brown hawk hurried to warn the things, and it also keeps her fairly well And the butterflies loitered to help the

> the nails; And the mops took care not to scratch the she may lay her young: thine altars, O And Princeton's ball gracefully yielded to

Here the wouderful story fails; day. The world wagged on in the same old way "It was only a dream!" said I. "Dear me!

But I'll be obliging as I can be, And the world may be better for that-we'l -Margaret Johnson, in January St. Nicho

#### FILLING IN THE CHINKS.

"I? Oh, I just fill in the chinks." The girl laughed as she said it, but her mother added quickly: "The chinks are everything. You

she smiled happily at her daughter. "You see, when she was through read. It is a very nice book to pick school, there didn't seem to be anything pieces out of. We might read any nice definite for her to do. Her father and I book and take some ideas from it. I wanted her at home, for a while at least, think we can make a good letter. There before she undertook to go out into the is one piece in the scrap book that I

work, of course, and I am kept pretty when he died he was over 100 years of busy with the children, and so she looked age, and walked three miles to vote b around and noticed the little things fore he died. He would jump over that should be done to keep a home fence as spry and quickly as a young neat and orderly, and which a servant man. I thought that was very remark never does and I have very little time able. We had a nice little snow storm That it is never too soon to begin to for. The left-overs, I always called last night and to-day we had a crust. I them-oh! but it is such a comfort to went out sliding and had a nice slide out

have them done." the girl, as she sat pulling out the edges morning. I have a good many pretty of a lace mat and making it look fresh calendars now. I am getting up a coland fluffy.

"Oh! I don't know," she answered. little things, you know."

"Let me see. Well, I began in the parlor, of course. All girls do at first.

There were some little silver vases hat were seldom shined. I kept those does not like to go out, slippery evenings. parlor, of course. All girls do at first. that were seldom shined. I kept those bright, and the silver on the afternoon tea table. You have no idea how much it tarnishes. And the little cups always dusted, and the doilles fresh and clean, and the tidies also. Really, that is a work by itself, and mother used never to have time. Then the picture moulding. The brass hook that holds

kept those clean. "Then in the bedrooms, I look out

"It is really too funny the way I found them packed when I first began. And the soap dishes clean, and fresh soap when it is needed, and dusters in their bags, and waste baskets emptied—ob Good by for this time.

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EDNA GOODIER. yes, and buttons sewed on to the shoes. I believe I sew on a half-dozen every-day "I go over the house daily, in the morning right after the children are sent

have dropped, and putting them in their proper places.

"Then I go into the library, sharpen the pencils that need it; fill the ink well; see that the pens in the penholders are good, the blotting pad not too old, the

you'll believe me, I always find some thing to be done, something aside from the regular work of clearing up, sweeping, or bed making,-these belong to the girl to do.

"You see I only do the little things that get left for the general cleaning, or neglected altogether.

"It is very pleasant, and helps—at least mother says that it does."

"Yes," said the mother, "and no or knows what a difference it does make in having those chinks filled. -Harriet Caryl Cox, in Good Housekeep-

#### THE ROBIN IN CHURCH

It was the night before Christmas and snow was falling. They did not mind it in happy homes, where lamps were lighted, and fires burned cheerily, and tables were spread for tea. But a little robin, cold and hungry, hopped about wearily, seeking shelter and food. Our robins fly away south before snow comes, but this was in a country across the sea, where the robin stays all the

The little bird lighted on windowsilis and tapped with his beak, but was hardly heard. Once, two little girls looked out of the window and saw him, but it was so very cold that they quickly ran to the fire, and birdie flew away,

After a while, an old man came along in the path that led up to the village church. Robin hopped behind him, and when he opened the door, birdie was close by, and went in without being noticed. Oh how warm and comfortable the church was! The Sunday-school children had been there with their teachers trimming the church with holly and mistletoe, and singing Christmas carols. The fire was to be kept all night, that the church might be warm for the Christmas service. The old man put on Christmas service. The old man parties fresh coal and went home, Birdie hopped about in the firelight, picking up ome crumbs he found on the floor. some cakes had been given to the chillren. How welcome this little supper was to the hungry robin you can gue Then he perched on the railings of the stairs and tucked his head under his ving,-a very sleepy and happy bird. In thing, the scarlet holly-berries. There was indeed a royal feast in the robin's

wintry weather. The hours flew on, and the happy children came, and sang their Christman

Just as the first verse was finished, a clear, rich, joyous song burst from birdie's little throat, high mong the branches. No one had seen him, and what a sweet surprise it was. The minister raised his hand to keep silence while birdie sang, and then opening the Bible read in reverent

"Yea, the sparrow hath found a house and the swallow a nest for herself, where Lord of hosts!"

"This time," said the minister, "on favorite bird, our little Robin Redbeeast has found a lodging and breakfast in For I breathless woke. It was New Year's the church where we come to pray for our daily bread. Snow is all around. covering the ground and bushes; he was cold and hungry, and might have perished in the storm, but the good All-Father, in His pitving love and tender care, guided the tiny wings hither.

"The little bird praises Him in its joyous song. Shall not we, with far greater reason, praise Him gladly?"-Mrs. M. O. Johnson, in Our Dumb Animals.

Dear Boys and Girls: I am glad that haven't the slightest idea what a help the editor likes my letters, but I wil she is and what a load it lifts from my tell you how I compose my letters withshoulders, this 'filling in the chinks' as out any help. Mother has an old scrap book that is very interesting; it has The busy woman spoke warmly as some very old pieces in it. I read the pieces in it and then write about what I think very remarkable. My father used "Our one servant does all the heavy to have a great, great grandfather, and in the orchard. It is quite cold to-night "And what are they?" I asked of and I think we will have a crust in the lection. I have as many as thirty, and expect to have more at the end of the "There are so many of them, and such ittle things, you know."

She spoke almost apologetically.

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There are so many of them, and such christmas, and I expect to have a nice time. I am going down street with him. It has been so warm this week that we have been out every evening, but Yours truly, BESSIE BENNETT.

Dear Boys and Girls: As the editor of the Maine Farmer wants us to write about something historical, I thought I would write about the first New England washday, which I read in the book en titled "Makers of New England." As Bessie Bennett said in her last letter, the picture cord was never dusted. I The Pilgrims landed in Plymouth Harbor Dec. 22, 1620, which was on Saturday that there are fresh towels on the bureau and stand, and that the hair receivers are not jammed full.

Sunday they spent in the safely across the ocean. The next day was Monday, and as they had not washed for a long they have the safely across the ocean. Sunday they spent in the vessel, thanktime, they went ashore, and the men made benches upon which to rest the tubs. So the first American washday came on Monday, and I suppose that i

Dear Boys and Girls: I am seven years old. Papa takes the Maine Farmer Papa has five head of cattle and two "I begin by picking up the things they horses. We have three cats; one is a coon cat. My studies are second reade and a spelling book. I have no sisters nor brothers. Can't think of any more to write. From Elsie Leighton. Augusta.

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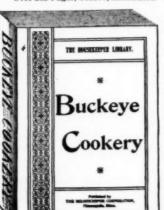
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Grangel Gatherings. Jan. 3-Kennebec Pomona, Augusta. Jan. 27-Sagadahoc Pomona, Bowdoin

The patrons at the State grange we athusiastic over the hospitality of the hotels and boarding houses of Augusta and testified their appreciation in many

Cumberland county grange has de clared open warfare against the appropriation to the University of Maine, and in favor of decided measures looking to reform in taxation.

The next meeting of Androscoggin County Pomona grange will be held at 6. A. R. hall, Auburn, Jan. 3. Programme: Election and installation of offiers. A good attendance is desired.

Bro. Twitchell: Will the brother with whom I exchanged overcoats by mistake at the Augusta House, please send me by mail the return R. R. ticket in the T. J. CARLE. eash pocket? Hollis Centre.

The enforced absence of our Worthy State Lecturer, Bro. Cook, was deeply regretted by every patron at the State grange, last week, but Worthy Master Cardner made a most acceptable selec tion to fill the chair, Bro. Eli Hodgkins of Greene.

East Corinth grange meetings are fully attended 52 times a year, and more if oceasion requires, and are wide awake. The worthy lecturer, in the performance of her duty, makes it hot and lively. We are growing in grace, and a knowledge of the truth, as well as enlarging our borders, with a bright future before us.

The Bath Enterprise, in a concise rewants and looking out for every comfort political action. Holding the position it all feel warm appreciation and gratitude tion the field of discussion of principles brothers and sisters feel, the members of Capital grange are well repaid.

A comparatively small number of Norland grange, East Livermore, were out on the 23d, but those who did go were pleasantly entertained. In the forenoon the usual routine of business and th regulation dinner, after which a very excellent paper, a review of the past year was read by the retiring master, F. A. Billington. Then Bro. Cole, master elect, who was delegate to the State grange, gave us some ideas of the say ings and doings of that body in session the past week at Augusta. Bro. Haskell was also there and reported a good time. Then came current events by different members, and New Year's resolutions were talked up by several. I think this grange as a whole is determined on a right course, and that the members will stand by each other, and if possible be more united than ever. Our grange now numbers 228 members. A dance was held at Grange hall on Wednesday eve with a good attendance and a pleasant We are soon to have a singing school in connection with the grange.

Resolutions of Respect.

The committee on memorial resolu tions upon the death of Sister Lydia Page of Vassalboro grange, P. of H., No. 322, presents the following resolutions: Where 2s, This grange is profoundly sensitie of the great loss it has sustained in the death of Sister Page, we desire to express our segard for her great personal worth, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That in her death one has gone

headthed, that it is the form our midst whose generous qualities of heart and mind endeared her alike to all, whose helpful and kindly impulses were a constant benefaction, and whose cheerful ce will always remain a pleasant mer

resolved. That the sympathy and condolence of the grange be extended to her sorrowing daughter and friends, and that these
resolutions be entered upon the records of
this grange, and a copy be sent to the Maine
Farmer for publication, also a copy be forwarded to the daughter of the deceased.
S. B. RICHARDSON,
MRS. R. ALLEY,
MRS. EMMA TAYLOR,
Resolutions.

KENNEBEC POMONA.

Kennebec Pomona met with Winslow grange, Dec. 13th, Worthy Master Drumnd presiding. The fifth degree was conferred upon six members with full form. An excellent dinner was served promptly at 1.30 the grange was called

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tory resolutions were presented and

adopted:
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then announced music by the choir; question, "Resolved that 20 sheep will return the farmer more net income than three cows," was opened by the worthy master; Bro. Towne spoke on the negative, followed by Bros. Crowell, Collins, Senson, Field, Leonard and others: recitations were given by Bro. Drummond and Sister Kennedy and excellent music was given by the choir; voted, that Worthy Master Drummond represent Kennebec Pomona at the State grange; vote of thanks extended Winslow grange and choir for their entertain-

The annual meeting for election and installation of officers and the transaction of all necessary business will be held with Capital grange, Augusta, Wednesday, Jan. 3d, at 10 A. M. Capital grange will furnish beans, bread and coffee. Visitors are requested to furnish cake and pastry.

#### THE MAINE STATE GRANGE AND TAXA

The only report which 'called out disussion at the Maine State Grange was that made by the Committee on Taxation and Legislation and that in no way was against the report, but to provide the port of the State grange says: "Capital sinews of war and establish the purpose grange all through was active and indus- which wisely aims only at discussion, trious in its attention, anticipating the and in no sense commits the order to any of those attending the State grange, and does as a purely non-partisan organizatoward them." If this is the way the and practices is the one it must occupy leaving members entirely free to act in their respective parties. The only section amended in the report as first presented is the following:

"With this object in view, your committee urge the increase of the present legislative and taxation committee to five, said committee to be paid from the treasury of the State grange necessary expenses and such per diem as the executive committee may deem right and just, all expenditure of money to be under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Maine State grange. Believing, also, that it is wisest to concentrate discussion upon a few specific points, that public sentiment may be aroused and the will of the people clearly expressed thereon, your committee would urge the following measures for discussion by our subordinate and Pomona granges."

It was evident that a deep undercur rent of feeling prevails in favor of a thorough investigation of the whole subject and its bearings upon farm property, real time reported. The Farmers' Institute and personal. It was also evident, as will be held at our hall on Thursday, must be the case, that to-day one cannot Jan. 4th. All farmers are cordially in- tell what special legislative measures may be deemed wisest and best next year. For this reason the report was prepared, with the view of setting forth specific points, upon which there is today great interest, for discussion during the coming year, that as the report states

clearly and explicitly: "The whole subject may be thoroughly compassed. facts and figures in detail gathered to be presented at its next session and a policy of action outlined, which, if approved, may be made the basis of aggressive action before the legislature of 1901."

The State grange has a taxation and egislative committee of which the state lecturer is chairman and in his able re port he urged the centralization on a few specific points. What these will be the discussion and the events of the year must determine. One, the creation of the office of state auditor, will be voted upon at the election in September and surely discussion is demanded that ac tion may be satisfactory. Wisely this report refrained from any declaration of policy touching legislation, leaving that entirely in the hands of the legislative and taxation committee and the State by the sisters of Winslow grange and grange, simply urging the patrons to a discussion of those questions which are to-day of greatest importance to the tax payers of Maine.

Now let the discussion go on, facts an figures be gathered, the equities of the case carefully considered, and the steps for relief decided upon, so that when the next State grange meets the report of the able standing committee on taxation may be promptly adopted and the rank and file of the order ready to give hearty support in securing favorable action b the legislation of 1901. Upon the broad plane of principles where members of any and every party can unite the dis cussion may be made productive of great service in indicating the will of the people to the next body of lawmakers.

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No. Augusta grange elected officers Tuesday evening: Master-Everett Withee Overseer—John Ballard. Lecturer—Fred Garland. Steward—Charles White. Treasurer—Wm. S. Knowles. Secretary—Roland Scribner. Chaplain—Georgia Ballard. Assistant Steward-Charles Black. Ceres-M. Etta Cummings. Pomona—Lilian Shaw. Flora—Bessie Tillson. Lady Assistant Steward-Flora Ayer.

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Lecturer—Mary W. Thorpe.
Steward—Clyde H. Jordan.
Assistant Steward—Hewett D. Cole.
Chaplain—Josie L. Jordan.
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Although small in numbers (48) yet there is no grange in the state more harmonious and free from strife than Riverside, East Raymond. We have had slow but healthy growth. We are now entering upon a literary contest, the third of the kind, which brings out the members and adds a great interest to the proceedings. At our last meeting, two applications were received. We have been called, during the past year, to lose by death, two of our most inter ested members, Sisters Jennie M. Withan and Mary N. Thorpe. Our master who represented us at the State grange is a valued young patron and an able presiding officer. We have bright prospects for the future.

Exeter grange: Master-Mrs. Maria Leighton. Overseer-William Pullen. Lecturer-Mrs. Clara Brown Chaplain—Charles L. Abbee. Secretary—Mrs. Abbie Robinson. Treasurer-Jacob Eastman. Steward-Albert Campbell. Assistant Steward—Geo. Folso Gate Keeper—Willie Walker. Pomona—Mrs. Mae C. Abbee. Ceres—Mrs. Lorenza Eastman Flora—Mrs. Aimee Abbee. L. A. Steward-Edna Grinnell.

Thirty new members have been re eived during the present year, making the number at this date 145. It has been decided to hold the installation on Saturday, Jan. 13th, and to have an all day ession. Past Master R. C. Rich will ac as installing officer. Eighty members were present at the election of officers. The meetings continue to be well attend ed as winter approaches, and hopes are entertained of a pleasant and fruitful year for Exeter grange.

Readfield grange: Master—A. T. Clifford. Overseer-Jesse Spaulding. Lecturer-Mrs. Zilla W. Beal. Assistant Steward-Fred A. Walker. Chaplain-Mrs. H. B. Poole Treasurer-A. W. Brainard. Gate Keeper—D. N. Elliott.
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At the last meeting, Jan. 16th, the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon two candidates and three applica tions were received. Jan. 6th will be the next meeting; officers will be installed and Starling grange is invited to be present.

South Dover: Master-W. T. Merrill. Overseer—A. M. Ricker. Lecturer—Mrs. Cora Randall. Steward—Ozro Harvey.
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grange, Foxcroft, were our guests Saturday, Dec. 23d. Pleasant River Master—E. H. Moses.
Overseer—Harry O. Hawkes.
Lecturer—Annie L. Morrill. Steward-Orville L. Hanson Assistant Steward-Elmer Hawkes. Chaplain-Annie Gilpatrick. Treasurer-Eli Sto retary—Ida M. Hill. Gate Keeper—Luther Rolfe. Ceres—Ethel E. Hill. Flora-Grace Legrow.

Dexter grange was out in full force last Saturday, Dec. 23, all wishing to hear the report from the State grange. All who attended report a very profitable as well as enjoyable session. It was voted to install officers for 1900 Jan 13, at an evening meeting.

A Stock Food Grinder.

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Grange Hall, East Auburn, Wednes-

day, Jan. 3—Evening meeting at 7.30 o'clock, with addresses by Prof. G. M. Gowell and Prof. Elijah Cook. Norland Grange Hall, East Livermore Thursday, Jan. 4-Same programme Grange Hall, East Hebron, Friday,

Jan. 5—Same programme as at Wales.
Institutes will also be held in Grange Hall, East Poland, and in Grange Hall, Danville Junction, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Prof. Gowell and Sec. McKeen will speak at these meetings on "Dairying" and "Farm Fertility," and another speaker may be added. The full programme for these two institutes will be given next

By request of directors and prominent members of the Maine State Jersey Cat tle Association, a business meeting of the association will be held in connection with the meeting of the Board of Agriculture at Norland Grange Hall, East Livermore, Jan. 4th, at 1 o'clock. Augusta, Dec. 25, 1899.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES FOR HANCOCK

The Farmer regrets that in the hurry f making up, last week, the following nnouncement of institutes was omitted: Farmers' Institutes will be held in Hancock County this week as follows: Grange Hall, North Bluebil, Tuesday evening, Dec. 26; Grange Hall, North Sedgwick, Wednesday, Dec. 27; Grange Hall, North Brooksville, Thursday, Dec. 28; Grange Hall, Penobscot, Friday, Dec. 29; Dedham, Saturday, Dec. 30.

At North Bluehill Tuesday evening lectures will be given on Soil Improve ment and Growing Farm Crops by F. S Adams of Bowdoin and Sec. B. W. Mc Keen. At all of the other meetings the Keen. At all of the other meetings the following program will be given:
10.30 A. M. "Farm Fertility," by Sec. B. W. McKeen.
1.30 P. M. "The Growing and Handling of Farm Crops," by F. S. Adams of Bowdoin.
7.30 P. M. "Improved Farm Methods" by Sec. B. W. McKeen.

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#### A BEMARKABLE OLD MAN

Ephraim Adams Pitcher, of Belfast, was 93 years old the 22d of last March and is still hale and hearty; he bids fair to reach the century mark. Mr Pitcher said: "I have never had a sick day in my life, that is, to take my bed or have physician. He is a direct descendant of President Adams; was born and al-ways resided in Belfast. Mr. Pitcher also said: "I was smong the first to sub-scribe for the "Maine Farmer" and have taken it nearly sixty-eight years." He considers it the best paper published in the interests of agriculture. Long may he live to enjoy its weekly visits!

For Morbid Conditions take BEECHAM'S

## Market Reports.

REPORT OF WATERTOWN AND BRIGHTON LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Specially Reported for the Maine Farmer LIVE STOCK YARDS, Dec. 26, 1899.

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Northern shippers 30 AT WATERTOWN. H A. Wilcox, Breck & Wood, W. F. Wallace. This grange is having a literary con- THE AGGREGATE OF LIVE STOCK AT WATERTOWN AND BRIGHTON YARDS.

Cattle, 3,026; sheep, 2,742; hogs, 19, 06; veals, 936; horses, 290. Last week: Cattle, 2,278; sheep, 8,593; hogs, 33, 745; veals, 1,544; horses, 335.

MAINE STOCK AT MARKET. Cattle, 130; sheep, 132; hogs, veals, 205; horses, 70. LIVE STOCK EXPORTS TO OLD ENG LAND.

From Boston for the week the ship nents were 484 cattle and 1,140 sheep all for Liverpool, with prices steady a 111/2@13c per lb., dressed weight. CONDITION OF THE MARKET. The supply of cattle for the local trade

light this week and the rewas very light this week and the requirements were not extensive. Quantities of dressed poultry still on the market and at easy prices. The trade was expected to be light so the dealers were not disappointed. Cattle from the East were sold at from 2½@6½c per lb.

Sheep market quiet and contributions from Maine were only 132 head. Comfrom Maine were only 132 head. on flocks of sheep, 21/2@31/2c; lambs.

Movement in fat hogs without change.

last quoted. Some very valuable milch cows find their way to market; the most expensive was the one noticed below by W. W. Hall & Son, such cows are the exceptions. The general run of cows from \$20@48; choice cows, \$50@70.

A quiet week for horses, but few buyers at market and the disposals were light and will be for the next week to come. On common grades prices are weak. Good horses in fair demand at \$150@250.

Thompson & Hanson sold 25 calves of 115 lbs. at 6c per lb.; 4 milch cows at \$45 (50; 6 cows at \$30@40. Harris & Fellows sold a number of pairs of oxen, the weights, 3300, 3470, 3300, 3470, 3600, 11 is not at all probable that the news of the money market has meaning the statement of the state weights, 3300, 3470, 3800, 3470, 3800, 3470, 3800, 3220 lbs. per pairs, and 10 oxen averaging 1550 lbs. at 5½0 per lb. D. G. Louges sold 5 fancy caives at about 1c lb. ahead of the market. W. A. Gleason sold 16 caives of 115 lbs. at 62 lb. 2010 lbs. and 115 lbs. at 62 lb. 2010 lbs. are at the present time quite well supplied with wool, but much depends a poon part month bears. 8 cows at \$30@35.

SALES OF MAINE STOCK.

BIG BANK ACCOUNTS FROM LITTLE SAVINGS GROW: The Improved United States Separator that it is so popular with its users and that its sai are increasing so rapidly.

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parisons with previous years of the are trying to substitute medium works It is a chance at the for them.

Maine farmers to lay There is a strong feeling for fleeces al-

amount received. commencement for Maine farmers to lay out their plans for the coming year as regards the raising of live stock. There been obhas not been any very decided decline in week but the dealers who ald at

The milch cow trading was not active; the only thing that helped out was a lighter supply than noticed some weeks, where good cows were concerned there was not much difficulty in the disposals.

W. W. Hall & Son had in the most famous milker at market for some time. famous milker at market for some time. She was Holstein of 6 years, and weighed She was Holstein of 6 years, and weighed before calving 1562 lbs., a 30 qt. of milk per day ow, for the past-eight days has given 60 lbs. of milk per day, was sold at \$90; sold other cows at \$30 (2.5 kg.) ( choice cows, \$50@55 down to \$25; 1 very choice Guernsey cow, \$70. Harris & Fellows sold cows from \$30@5. Thompson & Hanson sold 14 cows from \$35@ 50. Wardwell @ McIntire sold 40 calves of 120 lbs. at 5% c; 1 fancy new mileh Holstein and springer at \$52 each; 20 cows from \$30@45. R. E. Freeman sold 1 fancy cow, \$55; 2 extra cows at \$45 each; 3 cows, \$30@35; 10 calves at 5%c. Store Pigs—A light run with suckers at \$1.50@2 25. Shoats at \$3.50@5 50 as

#### BOSTON PRODUCE MARKET.

BOSTON, Dec. 27, 1899.

Flour market dull. Corn quiet, without change. Oats steady. Hay, straw and millfeed unchanged: Hay, \$12@17; straw, \$14@15. Pork and lard hold the same price. There was a better trade in beef, with

the market better sustained: Extra prime, 10(a)10/2c; choice sides, 9(a)1/2c; good, Muttons, Lambs and Veal.

Muttons, Lambs and Veal.

The mutton market is firmer, with lambs bringing better prices. Veals are also in short supply and firmer: Lambs, 5@7c; Brightons and eastern, 6@715c; yearlings, 4½@6c; muttons, 4½@6c; fancy and Brightons, 6@7c; veals, 6@ 10c; fancy Brightons, 9@10½c.

Butter tending upward. Fresh beef firmer. Muttons and lambs firmer, no advance.

APPLES—Eating apples, \$2@3 25 per bbl. Dried, 6@7c. Evaporated, 8½@10c per lb.

Butter—Creamery, 28c; Vermont descriptions. Poultry.
Poultry is steady, under colder weath-

Potatoes. Potatoes are rather easy, though not hanged quotably: Aroostook hebrons, 0063c; Green mountains, 63065c; ring, per box, 11016c.

northern white and Green mountains, 55 Apples were very quiet, though quotably unchanged: Gravensteins, \$3@3 50; Baldwins, \$2.25@2.75; greenings, \$2.25@2.75; greenings, \$2.25 (2.75; \$10] as sweets, \$2@2.50; snows, \$2.50@3.50; No. 2 and mixed varieties, \$1@1.50; obbling and fancy lots 50.00\$150 per

obbing and fancy lots, 50c@\$1.50 per bbl more Beans are rather slow of sale: Car. load lots, pea and medium, \$2.05@2.10; small pea, \$2.20@2.25; yellow eyes, \$2.30@2.35; California small white,

\$2.30@2 35; jobbing, 10c more. There was hardly enough butter selling yesterday in a wholesale way to base prices upon. Receivers had the two days' supplies on hand and were waiting [Corrected Dec. 27, for the Maine Farmer by B. F. Parrott & Co.]

STBAW—Pressed, \$9; loose, \$5,@6. days' supplies on hand and were waiting for buyers to come along to carry off the accumulations, but actual sales were light. No disposition, however, was manifested to force business at any concessions, and the general tone was stronger than last week. Fresh creamery that manifested to force susiness at any concessions, and the general tone was stronger than last week. Fresh creamery that would grade extra was not offered under 27c, and fancy lots were held at 27½(2) 28c, but most of the sales were based on 27c. A large portion of the offerings were off in quality, as usual at this season and of course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. It is well for course took a lower value, say from 250.2646c. from 25@261/c. It is well for country shippers to keep this point in mind, and not to expect a top price for a second class article.

Jobbers were supplying the wants of their customers yesterday on the basis of 28½ to 29 cents for tubs and 29½ to 30 cents for boxes, covering the finest fresh stock, with a range downward on fair to \$3 0004 00 good quality. Trade was rather light and no great increase was expected until after the holidays:

There continued to be a light trade in cheese, with no change in prices. Hold-ers were firm at 13 cents for best September twins, with some fancy lots at a higher range. Other fall makes were higher range. Other fall steady at 12 to 123/4 cents. Eggs.

There was no improvement to note in the egg market yesterday. Trade was steady. Spring lambs, easy. Veal firm. slow, and the best fresh western were quotable at 23 to 24 cents. Fair to good took a range of from 18 to 22 cents. A large portion of the offerings were stale fall eggs. Fresh eastern were quiet at 25 to 30 cents, outside for fancy. Ordinary eastern were not much better than western. Storage eggs were slow of sale, with a wide range. The best April packing ruled at 15 cents, but most sales were at 11 to 14 cents. Carloads coming in from out of town warehouses were not wanted at any reasonable price.

#### BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

The sales of the past week bave been omparatively light, not one-half that of previous week and that was a light week. We can account for it this being the last It is not at all probable that the tightpends upon next month heavy weight season and manufacturers are awaiting

It is quite certain that present prices of wool will be held, considering that This week winds up the record of the year's business in live stock at the Boston market and the annual report will be for it, clean; wool has been exported to try can be exported at a price equal of the fluctuations in prices, the amount of live stock from Maine and each of the other states, west and Canada, also completed. The demand is running more to coarse wools as fine grades have other states, west and Canada, also completed. The demand is running more to coarse wools as fine grades have other states, west and Canada, also complete the foreign markets hold a very firm position, as long as good fine clothing territory can be exported at a price equal of the prices. Prices and will please you.

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ity; medium wools at 55@57c.

Pulled wools share in the general quiet

receipts were 15,459 bales and sales we 3,368,000 lbs Prices on domestic wools: Ohio xx and above, 36c

Ohio No. 1 and No 2, washed, 36(disse. Michigan No. 1, 35@37c. Delaine, 36@38c. Delaine, 36@38c. Fine unwashed and unmerch., 25(420c. 1/4, 3/8 and 1/2 blood, 27@30c. Texas, 15@221/c. California, 15@21c. Territory, 12@27c. Pulled wools, 20@75c.

Scoured, 40@65c. Odds and ends, 7@30. Foreign Wools Australian, 33@42c. Carpet wools, 13@20c.

#### PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 1899. Corn and oats are 18c higher. Flour ull. Pork provisions and lard firm at the advance. the advance. Sugar is quiet. Dry and mackerel dull and ensier. Hay n Cheese active and firmer. Beam Groceri s of all kinds fairly ac firmer. higher.

dairy, 24@25c.

Poultry is steady, under colder weather, though prices started in on a lower basis: Northern turkeys, 14@16c; western, 11@.33gc; northern chickens, 13@.16c; fowl, 11@12c; western chickens, 93g@12c; green ducks, 10@12c; green geese, 10@12c; live fowl, 9@10c; chickens, 93g@103gc.

dairy, 24@25c.

BEANS—Maine pea, \$2 25; California pea, \$2 50.

CHEESE—Sage, 15c; Vermont dairy, 14@143gc.

CHEESE—Sage, 15c; Vermont dairy, 14@143gc.

Spring wheat, \$3 40@3 60; patent Spring wheat, 4 35@4 50; wichigan straight college.

roller, \$3 85(a)4 00; winter wheat pat ents, \$4 15@4 25. Fish—Cod, Shore, \$4 75@5 00; her-GRAIN—Corn, car lots, 44c; lots, 46c; oats, car lots, 33@ bag lots, 35c; meal, bag lots, shorts, sack, car lots, \$18@48 car lots, 44e; bag shorts, bag lots, \$19@19 50; middlings \$18@20; middlings, bag lots, \$19@20.50; cottonseed meal, car lots, \$24.50; bag

lots, \$25 50. LARD-Bbl., pure, 6% @7c; pails, compd, 534@57gc; pails, pure. 734@80; pure leaf, 9@63gc. Ротатовя—60@65c per bush. Provisions-Fowl 11@12e: chickens. 12@14c; turkeys, 13@16c; eggs, 28c; beef, 6½@8c; pork backs, \$13.75; hams, 10¼@10¾c.

## AUGUSTA HAY, GRAIN AND WOOL MARKET.

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SUGAR—\$5 05 per hundred. HAY—Loose \$10@12; pressed, \$12. HIDES AND SKINS—Cow hides, 80; ox hides, 8c; bulls and stags, 7c.
LIME AND CEMEN1—Lime, \$1 10 per cask; cement, \$1 45. HARD WOOD-Dry, \$5@5 50; green GRAIN-Corn, 471/2c; meal, bag lots,

OATS-72c, bag lots.

AUGUSTA CITY PRODUCE MARKET.

[Corrected Dec. 27, for the Maine Farmer, y F. L. Webber.] Cheese higher. New domestic cheese firm. Eggs scarce. Potatoes in good demand. Butter dull. Fowl plenty. Chickens in better demand. Pork BEANS-Western pea beans, \$2 25. Yellow Eyes, \$2 25. Butter-Ball butter, 20c. Creamery,

CHEESE-Factory, 12c; Sage, 13c. CHESSE—Factory, 12c; Sage, 13c.
EGGS—Fresh, 27c per dozen.
LARD—In pails, beat, 9c.
Provisions—Wholesale — Clear salt
pork, \$1150 per bbl.; beef per side, 8½
ham, smoked, 10½c; fowl, 10c; veal,
8c: round hog, 5½c; lamb, 8c. Spring
chickens, 13@14c; native turkeys, 16@

POTATOES-40c per bush. CABBAGES—1c per lb. Brets—1c per lb. TURNIPS-40c per bush. APPLES-\$2 50 per bbl. CRANBERRIES-\$6 50 per bbl.

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## Z. A. GILBERT, Agricultural Editor.

WINTER'S COMIN' ON. Uncle Si keeps frettin' Cause the summer's gone, Dreads to think how winter Is a comin' on. Days are gettin' shorter.

Nights are gettin' long. Birds are growin' scarcer, Seldom hear a song; Frosts have nipped the gardens, Leaves begin to fall

Sort o' melancholy Settles over all. So he keeps a-frettin' And a takin' on, 'Cause the winter's comin' And the summer's gone. Uncle Si, you're foolish, Worryin' that way! Scoldin' 'bout the wi Won't keep it away

Gather in your apples And your pumpkin crop; Fill your pens with taters. Clear up to the top; Pile up high your firewood Round the kitchen door, Store away your walnuts On the attic floor If you have a plenty,

Winter will be pleasant, Spite o' anow and storm So just quit your fussin', Stop your bein' sad;

If you're only ready,

Winter ain't so bad;

Just like bein' ready

When you're goin' to die, When you have your treasure, Laid up in the sky. -The Michigan Christian Advocate.

If you're snug and warm,

Some one has truly said there is no is said corrector of the swine system equal to Nother Earth clothed in green. With and ar equal truth the same might be said in that d reference to cattle and sheep. It is unwise to attempt to secure state

secured a wise expenditure of town to ap appropriations, said State Master Batchelder to the New Hampshire state grange. The co We open our Farmers' Institute column again this week and urge that none of farmer again this week and trigge that a superfarmer readers pass it by. The raduction of cost in the business of dairy-

lecture was laid for the State of Con- out d necticut yet as a suggester and as a form themse It is as valuable in Maine as in the state busine where given. The present call for greater economy be over In state expenditures may gain encouragement from the statement of State
Master Batchelder in his annual address
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through economical management alone. For some weeks past our readers have been served to a large measure of papers bidding and lectures on special subjects given at the annual winter meetings of the several organizations having special work in charge. They will serve for matters of study for a long time to come, and the papers should be laid away where they
careful can be drawn upon at any leisure hour. We shall now again resume our usual center

tions of our correspondents. The annual Christmas number of that best of stock papers, the Breeders' Ga- writer sette, is always a surprise. This holiday the be leason it is better then ever. The im-well, a provement being made in the breeding made b and feeding of stock, and the advance- and als ment being made in the art of transferring their perfected forms to paper are freely illustrated on its pages and together furnish a number richly worth ent a fi a year's subscription. Published at Chieago at \$2.00 a year.

Professor Woods, at the dairymen's meeting at Lewiston, in speaking of adulterations and the importance of law for protection, said we should have had a good law against the adulteration of seeds had it not been for one farmer in the last legislature who voted against it because he had a handard husbals of because he had a hundred bushels of oats to sell." Admitting such an expression was uttered no intelligent than pression was uttered, no intelligent per-son has cause for the inference that it was prompted by the narrow selfishness that that goes with the statement as made, and which would necessarily apply to all farmers as legislators. The gentleman in question rightfully wished to learn whether such an act would apply to the farmer who had a few bushels of seed grain to sell to exceed the such as the grain to sell to a neighbor, and if so he was opposed to it. We have had some larger course with farmers during an active life, and found them as intelligent, other broad minded, and as well informed on Eight h public affairs as any class of citizens, and such statements from those set to the advancing of our agricultural inmany e terests are, to say the least, unfortunate and uncalled for.

THE NEW YEAR.

With the present number we begin the we app saue of the Maine Farmer for the year herd wa 1900. In looking back over the year just barns w slosed the farmer finds much cause for man wo uragement. The season in the main suggest

a com well o appropriations for roads until we have obstac some i ing is of vital importance. Though the the pro-

cream. to the New Hampshire state grange, that through the influence exerted by the grange their state expenditures had been reduced from \$500,000 to \$425,000 clearly clearly

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